

measure more agreeable to critics who see it as a bailout. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, June 20, 2017)

Cosponsor Rep. Rick Carfagna (R-Westerville) said most of the changes bring the bill in line with a Senate companion bill (SB 155).

He labeled the affiliate adjustment - which essentially prohibits FirstEnergy Solutions from attaining cost recovery - is the most substantial change.

"That provision gave a lot of people heartburn and after talking with the affiliate, with FES, I'm not sure even they were confident they'd be able to get recovery under that so (we thought) let's just take it out," Rep. Carfagna said in an interview.

The new language requires an electric distribution utility and any EDUs in the same holding company to bid all output from a national security generation resource into the wholesale market and prohibits the use of NSGR output for an EDU's SSO.

That's in contrast to prior versions which enabled an affiliate to receive cost recovery and to take the output from OVEC and apply it toward a standard service offer.

"We have effectively carved out FES from this bill," Rep. Carfagna said. "We'd been hearing from interested parties that it was legally cumbersome and because it is a nonbypassable rider, it would not get (federal) approval."

The sub bill also (Comp Doc):

- Strengthens language on the state's stance on affiliate divestiture, changing it from "encourage" to "support."
- Excludes "any return on investment in common equity" from the definition of prudently incurred costs to be recovered.
- Adds language stating that prudently incurred costs are to be subject to the nonbypassable rate mechanism and prudence review provisions of the bill.
- States the bill's provisions on cost recovery are not intended to render moot any issue not directly related to recovery of net impacts raised in an appeal before the Public Utilities Commission.
- Retains current law requiring the PUCO to direct a utility to remedy its market-rate offer standard service offer application.
- Requires the PUCO to exclude net impact cost recovery costs deemed imprudent and unreasonable.

- Requires the discontinuation of the cost recovery unless extended by the General Assembly compared to the previous version's language requiring the PUCO to provide for discontinuation by 2030 unless extended.

Kasich, Other Governors Urge Opposition To Latest Health Care Proposal

Gov. John Kasich is waging a fight to preserve Medicaid expansion on two fronts, addressing the threat of a budget veto override in the legislature to freeze new enrollment, and a renewed push to eliminate it in Congress.

On the federal front, Gov. Kasich again joined a bipartisan group of governors in opposing legislation designed to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act.

The 10 governors, which included Colorado Gov. John Hickenlooper, a Democrat who has worked closely with Gov. Kasich on the issue, urged consideration for bipartisan an open approaches to the issue.

In a letter to congressional leaders, the governors pointed to hearings by the U.S. Senate's Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee on bipartisan efforts to stabilize the individual insurance market, and said those should continue.

They urged Congress not to consider an amendment that has gained steam this week to make significant changes to the health care law.

"We ask you to support bipartisan efforts to bring stability and affordability to our insurance markets," the governors wrote. "Legislation should receive consideration under regular order, including hearings in health committees and input from the appropriate health-related parties. Improvements to our health insurance markets should control costs, stabilize the market, and positively impact coverage and care of millions of Americans, including many who are dealing with mental illness, chronic health problems, and drug addiction."

The new effort in the U.S. Senate, led by Republican Sens. Lindsey Graham of South Carolina, Bill Cassidy of Louisiana, Dean Heller of Nevada and Ron Johnson of Wisconsin, would repeal the individual and employer mandates, the medical device tax and increase states' ability to get waivers from regulations.

"Our bill levels out an inequity in funding. It allows flexibility that Obamacare would never embrace," Sen. Graham said in announcing the proposal. "It gives patients a voice in health care [that] they'll never have through a single-payer health care system."

The plan drew opposition from advocacy groups in Ohio Tuesday.

"The latest version of Trumpcare is terrible for women, especially low income women and women of color," Joanna Saul, vice president of government affairs and public advocacy for Planned Parenthood Advocates of Ohio, said in a statement. "It will block

patients with Medicaid from Planned Parenthood Health Centers, which 1 in 5 women of reproductive age rely on for care."

The American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network also urged opposition to the Graham-Cassidy plan in favor of bipartisan legislation.

"As drafted the Graham-Cassidy legislation would end the Medicaid expansion completely and place a per capita cap on traditional Medicaid, remove funding protections for children and disabled Americans, and impose a dramatic reduction in Medicaid support to your state over the next decade and beyond," ACS CAN President Christopher Hansen wrote in a letter to Gov. Kasich.

At the state level, the governor's office continues to face down legislative Republicans who are still weighing interest in overriding a budget veto to freeze new enrollment in the Medicaid expansion on July 1, 2018. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, September 18, 2017)

"Since expanding Medicaid, Ohio has only grown stronger -- hundreds of thousands of new jobs have been created, wages are growing faster than the nation, taxes have been cut and our budget is stable and balanced," Kasich spokesman Jon Keeling said in an email.

"Smart, innovative management has allowed expansion to work for Ohio, giving low-income Ohioans the coverage they need so they can stay on the job and have the opportunity to meet their potential."

Waste Industry Urges Move-Over Protections; Distracted Driving Bill Backed

Trash collectors told a Senate panel on Tuesday they would feel safer if there was a law requiring drivers to move over or slow down when approaching collection trucks.

They are backing a measure (SB 127) to extend to waste collection vehicles the protections of existing law that requires drivers approaching stationary public safety, emergency, road service, highway maintenance and other vehicles to change lanes, proceed with due caution, and reduce speed.

"Due to the nature of solid waste collection, I think it is safe to say that waste collection vehicles are stopped at the side of the road or on the road as much, if not more than, any of the previously listed vehicles that are currently covered under (the law)," said Kathy Trent, director of government affairs for Waste Management and chapter chair of the National Waste & Recycling Association.

"In addition...our employees are often at the back of a truck in the most vulnerable position possible - between the truck and on-coming traffic. It only takes one distracted driver, one driver in a hurry or some other unfortunate circumstance to cost our employee their life," she added.

Depending on the route, vehicles make an average of 600-900 individual stops on the side of the road each day, Ms. Trent said.

Jim Hutchinson, who works for Rumpke, was at one of those stops in 2008 when he was struck by a car, he told the Senate Local Government, Public Safety and Veterans Affairs committee.

He was out of work for more than seven months as a result of his injuries, and his family still fears for him to go to work each day, he said. His son, who works with him, sometimes parks the truck over curbs in busy areas to avoid another incident.

A handful of other collectors who've had near misses or were permanently disabled as a result of being hit by cars also testified in support of the measure.

Jim Profitt, safety ambassador for the Ohio Buckeye Chapter of the Solid Waste Association of North America, said trash collection is the fifth deadliest job in the United States - higher on the list than police and firefighters.

Because of this, 16 other states have required motorists to slow down and move over when they approaching waste vehicles, he said.

"By passing SB127, Ohio will join their ranks in protecting these hardworking men and women," Mr. Profitt said.

The issue of safety has become even more pressing in recent years, Ms. Trent said, as collectors are more frequently reporting incidents of distracted driving.

Distracted Driving: The committee on also heard supportive testimony on a bill (HB 95) to create a secondary offense of distracted driving that can be applied if an officer witnesses an offense during the course of enforcement of a primary offense.

Ohio State Highway Patrol Staff Lt. Kevin Miller said a similar law making texting while driving a secondary offense has been effective in reducing distracted driving.

"The legislation recognizes the fact that distractions behind the wheel can result from other activities that impair a person's ability to safely drive a car, not just those that involving cell phones and other electronic devices," he said.

In 2016, distracted driving resulted in 13,994 drivers crashing vehicles in Ohio, he said. Most commonly - in 60% of distracted driving accidents - drivers' attentions were focused on other districts in the vehicle such as food, drinks or passengers. About 23% of distracted drivers were listed as having been on their phones for calls, texting or emailing.

Mr. Miller said it can be difficult to prove someone was distracted while driving, but it's often easy to spot when someone is texting because the phone screen lights up the

vehicle at night and many drivers are so engrossed in their phones they don't notice law enforcement looking directly at them from the next lane.

Kimberly Schwind, senior public relations manager at AAA Ohio Auto Club and Dom Tiberi, founder of Maria's Message, also praised the bill as positive step toward calling attention to the dangers of distracted driving.

Research that's rated how distracting certain activities are has found that listening to the radio and books on CD are minimal distractions, while talking on the phone - even with a hands-free system - while driving comes in at a 2.5 on a five-point distractedness scale.

Although passengers cause distractions, they are often actively monitoring the road as well so speaking with someone else in the vehicle is not as distracting as speaking with someone on the phone, Ms. Schwind said.

Sen. Lou Terhar (R-Cincinnati) observed that nearly anything can serve as a distraction, including things happening outside the car that drivers normally can't control.

"When we look at these bills, the issue I think for all of us is what is the reasonable thing to do," he said.

Written proponent testimony was also provided by Ohio Insurance Agents Association, Property Casualty Insurers, Ohio Association of Professional Firefighters, Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission, Ohio Insurance Institute and State Auto.

Builders, Businesses Seek Permissive Prevailing Wage

A bill weakening the state's prevailing wage law would restore local decision making and save dollars at a time local governments are hurting for funding, proponents told a House panel on Tuesday.

But Democratic members of the House Economic Development, Commerce & Labor Committee detailed their skepticism of the plan that opponents say will reduce workers' pay and increase safety risks.

The bill (HB 163) would enable local governments to choose whether to abide by a law requiring contractors to pay union-scale wages for publicly funded construction projects exceeding \$250,000 in value.

The measure, which has already made it further in the legislative process than its predecessor (HB282, 131st General Assembly), and is guaranteed to kick off a fierce debate with unions should hearings continue.

Bryan Williams, director of government affairs for Associated Builders and Contractors of Ohio, was among eight proponents testifying during the bill's second hearing. He and other supporters traded queries and studies on both sides of the issue with committee Democrats throughout the hearing.

Mr. Williams said that although prevailing wage might have served a purpose in 1932 when it was implemented in Ohio during the Great Depression, it has worn out its usefulness.

"Ohio has long championed local control and local decision making," Mr. Williams said. "What better time to apply this cherished concept now, when the state has reduced local government funding."

He labeled opponent concerns about the impact on construction quality and job safety as "false criticisms."

"Does prevailing wage produce a higher quality project? No," he said. "There is no credible evidence that public sector prevailing wage projects have any better workplace safety records."

Rep. Michele Lepore-Hagan (D-Youngstown) expressed concern the move could devalue training and education, resulting in a less-educated workforce.

Mr. Williams responded that employers still have the same safety records without prevailing wage. In addition, he said projects can require certain things of bidders, including specifications for training or other requirements.

Rep. Thomas West (D-Canton) took issue with Mr. Williams' claims there is no "credible evidence" of increased safety issues in non-prevailing wage states. If safety worries increase with permissive prevailing wage, "why do we want that for our state," he asked.

Saying he's aware of dueling studies on the issue, Mr. Williams agreed that "we wouldn't want more unsafe outcomes. I don't believe there is any nexus between (that and) release from prevailing wage."

Other proponents made similar arguments, with Don Boyd of the Ohio Chamber of Commerce calling the bill a way to support free enterprise and competition.

And Micah Derry, state director for Americans for Prosperity, called prevailing wage a "burdensome and outdated" idea. It skews the market, he said, in favor of larger, and often unionized, outfits.

Also testifying in support were the NFIB, the Ohio Fair Managers Association and several others businesses or local governments.

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House Delves Into Effort To End Tax Code 'Marriage Penalty'

If tens of thousands of small businesses in the state can enjoy hundreds of millions in tax breaks enacted in recent years, why shouldn't 2.5 million married citizens be afforded the same opportunity?

That was among the arguments presented Tuesday to members of the House Ways & Means Committee, which conducted its first hearing on a proposal to end the so-called "marriage penalty" for Ohio income tax filers.

Sponsored by a bipartisan odd couple of sorts - conservative Rep. John Becker and liberal Rep. David Leland - the measure (HB 333) would eliminate a requirement for married couples in the state who file joint federal income tax returns to do the same with their Ohio filings.

Rep. Becker (R-Union Twp.) described the marriage penalty as the difference between the total Ohio income tax married people pay compared to single filers.

"Our federal income tax had a marriage penalty built into the rate structure until it was largely eliminated beginning in 2001. Unfortunately, our State of Ohio income tax continues to maintain a marriage penalty," he said.

Rep. Leland (D-Columbus) said he originally proposed the bill in 1983 during his first stint in the House, and that effort resulted in a "compromise" in the form of a joint filer credit. However, that "partial loaf" approach has become less impactful over time, as the credit hasn't been adjusted for inflation since the late 1980s, he said.

As a result, Rep. Leland said a married couple in Ohio making \$50,000 pays a \$244 tax "penalty" each year. The impact increases to \$476 for a couple making \$100,000, he said.

Some committee members questioned some of the underlying arguments of fairness with the proposal, noting that married couples benefit in other ways.

Rep. Dan Ramos (D-Lorain), for instance, said couples enjoy "economies of scale" through joint purchases, thus saving on other taxes. Rep. Gary Scherer (R-Circleville) questioned whether it wouldn't be fairer to simply tax "households," and noted there would still be "tortuous calculations" to make for tax filings.

Rep. Leland pointed to small business tax breaks totaling \$500 million a year that he said are enjoyed by only about 29,000 business owners and suggested married couples deserved the same consideration for tax relief.

The Legislative Service Commission has estimated that about 2.5 million Ohio residents could save \$500-\$600 million a year by ending the marriage penalty, he said.

Regarding the resulting impact to state revenue, Rep. Becker noted that the current code contains about \$8 billion in "tax expenditures," or tax breaks.

"There's a way to work through those numbers and find an equitable solution," he said.

Rep. Scherer, the committee vice chair, found some amusement with the unlikely pairing of the bill sponsors.

"I just love seeing the two of you" together on legislation, he said.

Elder Abuse Prevention Bill Continues To Garner Support In Senate

A bill aimed at fighting elder fraud continues to receive widespread support.

Pete Van Runkle of the Ohio Health Care Association told members of the Senate Judiciary Committee Tuesday that the legislation (SB 158) has the potential to save taxpayers money.

"The majority of people who make it to their retirement years ultimately will need long-term services and supports. When they run out of money to pay for their care, they turn to Medicaid," he said. "Whether it is home and community-based care or facility-based care, long-term services and supports are expensive. An elder who has been defrauded out all or part of their life savings will spend down to Medicaid all the sooner."

Mr. Van Runkle said his mother was the victim of elder fraud, causing her to go on Medicaid two months before she should have.

"My personal story aside, it is well-known that the elderly, particularly those with disabilities and failing memories, are easy targets for fraud. Any fraud is bad, but it is especially bad when the perpetrator singles out the most vulnerable members of our society," he said.

Rene Gindelberger, compliance and audit specialist at River Valley Credit Union, said financial institutions such as hers are already working to combat elder fraud.

"The state's population is aging and with that comes new challenges to the not-for-profit model, like properly addressing elder fraud. It's no secret elder fraud cases are on the rise across the country and in Ohio," she said.

"As frontline entities, credit unions play a critical role in recognizing and reporting potential cases of elder fraud. While serving members at River Valley, I have actively identified situations of elder fraud and have passionately advocated for justice on the member's behalf."

The legislation has also received the backing of Attorney General Mike DeWine. In written testimony, he highlighted the work his office has done to educate the public about senior exploitation through the Elder Financial Exploitation Handbook.

"With more public awareness, broader and stricter enforcement, and more severe penalties for offenders, Senate Bill 158 is an important part of combatting this threat to our state's vulnerable citizens," he wrote. "Senate Bill 158 seeks to address elder fraud in three key areas: awareness, consumer and professional education and enforcement."

Ohio Judicial Conference Executive Director Paul Pfeifer also weighed in with written testimony, but unlike other groups, the conference relayed concerns.

Mr. Pfeifer raised issues with the mandatory sentencing structure contained in the bill, along with a mandatory restitution requirement. He also said judges are opposed to a provision that would distribute mandatory fines to a separate state agency.

"Judges would prefer that criminal fines continue to be collected and disbursed in the manner currently being used, rather than using the criminal justice system as a funding authority for various state programs and managing local funds remotely and without the benefit of understanding unique local needs," he wrote.

Beth Kowalczyk, chief policy officer at the Ohio Association of Area Agencies on Aging, and Cynthia Gramke, executive director and CEO of Clermont Senior Services, Inc. provided written testimony in favor of the bill.

Fantasy Sports Industry Pushes Regulatory Bill

Proponents of a bill to regulate fantasy sports contests in Ohio argued before a Senate panel Tuesday that the industry needs licensure and oversight to make sure it is legal and safe in Ohio.

They continued to face opposition from Sen. Bill Coley (R-Liberty Twp.), who argued the games constitute illegal online gambling in Ohio by operating as a pool for profit. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, September 12, 2017)

The Senate Finance Committee heard from members of the industry, namely a representative from FanDuel and DraftKings, which make up the majority of the market. The proponents said the bill to regulate the industry (HB 132) would provide clarity for operators and players.

Scott Ward, national public policy counsel to FanDuel and DraftKings, said about 400,000 Ohioans have played paid fantasy sports on the two sites. He said the legislation is designed to regulate these new sites, which operate differently from traditional fantasy sports but which he argued do not fit the definition of gambling.

"This product has outstripped statutes that were not written with fantasy sports in mind," he said.

Mr. Ward compared the games to a fishing tournament, in which players pay entry fees and compete for a prize, using mostly their skill to determine their chances, rather than betting on a chance outcome.

Sen. Coley disputed that characterization, saying the games pay out based on players' entry payments. Any fishing tournament that creates a pool and makes a profit out of it is illegal in the state of Ohio, he said.

Mr. Ward said the companies typically host contests and charge entry fees to participate in them. The players then select their lineups of players and compete to score the most points using those players' statistics. Sometimes the contests don't make back more than it costs to run them, he said, and the companies don't turn a profit.

Sen. Coley questioned a provision in the bill designed to prevent employees of daily fantasy sports companies from playing on other fantasy sports sites. The language of the bill, he said, appeared to prevent employees only from playing on the sites they work for, not from playing on competitors' sites.

Mr. Ward said the intent of the bill is to keep them from playing on any daily fantasy sites, and said it could be a simple fix to clarify that.

Sen. Dave Burke (R-Marysville) said the bill offers wide authority to the Casino Control Commission to regulate the industry and any issues that may come up.

Sen. Coley said anything specific in the bill will override regulations by the commission.

"I'd ask that we be careful on those kind of things," he said.

Steve Brubaker, executive director of the Small Businesses of Fantasy Sports Trade Association, said the bill would assure fans and players in Ohio that the contests they participate in are run by reputable companies and that the Ohio Casino Control Commission is watching out for them.

"Having Commission oversight in the licensing process give the customers the safety that they need," he said. "We think that once there's licensure in Ohio that we'll see more people play because they'll think it's OK."

He said smaller operators are concerned about how high the fees would be set, and recommended basing the fees on the size of the company, either as a percentage of gross revenue or by the number of players.

The frequency of compliance audits, he said, will likely price some smaller operators out of the market in Ohio.

"We believe the player protections contained in the bill will bring new players to the market that may otherwise remain on the sidelines because they are uneasy about participating in contests in an unregulated environment," he said. "We are also concerned about the impact of the cost of that regulation on the small companies in our organization, and we will deal with the cost issues in the rulemaking process."

Sen. Burke said it's important to make sure smaller companies are able to enter the market.

"With 85% of the market controlled by two entities, having space for small entities to innovate and compete is important," he said.

The committee also received testimony from other proponents of the bill, including two professional sports teams - the Columbus Crew and Cincinnati Reds - who lent support.

Legislators Push For New Council To Provide Long-Term State Fiscal Forecasts

Lawmakers would have more forward-looking fiscal and demographic information to work with under a proposal that received its first hearing in a House committee Tuesday.

The measure (HB 320) would create a Long-Range Financial Outlook Council to report on fiscal projections and demographic trends four years out.

Sponsor Rep. Christina Hagan (R-Alliance) told the House Financial Institutions, Housing and Urban Development Committee that the bill would enhance lawmakers' ability to have accurate information.

"We have all heard at one time or another that government should be run more like a business; no business can remain successful without vision and a forward thinking plan," she said. "Therefore, it becomes clear and logical that creating a financial outlook plan for the state creates efficiency and accountability through the transparent and reasonable approach of understanding implication of bills passed into law."

The council would review revenue estimates and budget projections for major state-funded programs, the sponsors explained.

The chair would be appointed by the Legislative Service Commission, two members by the director of the Office of Budget and Management, and six to nine members each by the House speaker and Senate president. No more than half of the members plus one could be from the same political party.

The council would issue an annual report to the General Assembly, and the governor would be required to provide a review of the most recent report as part of the biennial budget submission.

"I am asking you to consider this for your constituents currently and for those of generations to come," Rep. Hagan said. "Our intent is to work with you, as colleagues, to take proactive steps toward creating long-term stability. It is irresponsible of any leadership to overlook this basic business principle. A proactive approach to government will be of the best service to all."

Joint sponsor Rep. Kristina Roegner (R-Hudson) said in written testimony that the model has worked in other states, such as Virginia, Florida and Kentucky.

"Having a long-range financial outlook just makes common sense," she said. "Most successful businesses forecast out several years, this helps them to make decisions today to optimize their future. States are no different."

Rep. Kent Smith (D-Euclid) asked about the requirement in the bill that the council look at changing demographics in the state. He pointed to reports that there has been an increase in food stamp requests from senior citizens in more affluent parts of the state as an example of the state's demographic shift toward an older population.

Rep. Hagan said it's important to give the council the ability to study issues that would affect the state's fiscal well-being.

"Knowing and understanding that we have an aging population and what that actual means from a fiscal standpoint is essential for the state's fiscal well-being," she said.

Rep. Robert Sprague (R-Findlay) asked how differences between the council's projections and the governor's would be reconciled in the budget process.

Rep. Hagan said she didn't think there would be a large divide between the numbers.

"The fact that this group would not only give us long-range financial expectations but also analyze the three years previous to see how those numbers were accurate would allow it to evolve," she said.

Rep. Catherine Ingram (D-Cincinnati) questioned why the council was exempted from the Sunset Review process, saying that process can be helpful in reviewing the effectiveness of such a council.

Rep. Hagan said the General Assembly would be able to eliminate the council at any time if it wished.

Legislation Would Address High Court Ruling On Bindovers

A recent Ohio Supreme Court decision has prompted one lawmaker to try and address the issue of mandatory bindovers.

Sen. Cecil Thomas (D-Cincinnati) told members of the Senate Judiciary Committee Tuesday that his bill (SB 64) will eliminate the mandatory transfer from juvenile to adult court.

"It is recognized by the U.S. Supreme Court and the Ohio Supreme Court that juveniles are given special status and they are entitled to special considerations," he said. "Age should not be the only factor in the decision to transfer a juvenile to adult court."

In addition to eliminating mandatory transfers from juvenile to adult court, the legislation also modifies the factors a juvenile court must consider when making a discretionary transfer. It also provides the juvenile with the right to appeal a transfer decision.

The legislation has the backing of more than a dozen groups, including the ACLU of Ohio, the Ohio Justice & Policy Center and the Juvenile Justice Coalition.

In a letter to the panel, the groups wrote that more than 150 youths are transferred from juvenile to adult courts each year, and 80% of those transferred are black.

"Data indicates that the majority of these bindovers are mandatory, meaning the youth are bound over solely based on charges brought by the prosecutor without an individualized determination by a juvenile court judge beyond a finding of probable cause," the groups wrote.

"The vast majority of youth bound over to adult court receive sentences of 5 years or less with some youth only receiving community control or probation without a prison sentence, meaning they will return to Ohio's communities in a relatively short timeframe."

Instead of eliminating mandatory bindovers, Sen. John Eklund (R-Chardon) questioned why the measure does not just address the factors a judge must consider.

Sen. Thomas said he is open to that possibility.

"That is something that can be given some consideration," he said.

The legislation comes in the wake of the high court's December decision in *State v. Aalim*. In that case, the court struck down a portion of state law that allows for the automatic transfer of some juveniles to adult court. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, December 22, 2016)

However, with two new justices seated on the bench this year, the court agreed to reconsider its decision, and in a rare move, reversed course and found that the state constitution provides the General Assembly with exclusive authority to define the jurisdiction of common pleas courts. In 1996, lawmakers passed a law that requires 16- and 17-year-olds to automatically be transferred to adult court for certain offenses. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, May 26, 2017)

In a dissenting opinion, Chief Justice Maureen O'Connor said the ruling "does not bring justice for Ohio's children."

After receiving its first hearing, the bill was amended to address what the sponsor described as a technical issue.

Capitol Scene: Snitchler Joins API; Hollabaugh To Shumaker

Todd Snitchler, a former chairman of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, has been named group director of the American Petroleum Institute's market development department, it was announced Tuesday.

Mr. Snitchler, most recently with Vorys Advisors, will work with various parties to encourage increased demand for natural gas and a cleaner energy future.

"We are pleased to welcome Todd as our new head of Market Development," said API President and CEO Jack Gerard. "Under Todd's leadership, API will continue to promote the benefits from greater use of natural gas in power generation, manufacturing, commercial and residential markets, as well as the export of liquefied natural gas to assist allies and partners overseas, strengthen our balance of trade and play a leading role in the world market."

Before leading the PUCO, Mr. Snitchler represented the 50th District in the Ohio House of Representatives. At Vorys, he was involved in government affairs programs regarding energy and utilities.

Shumaker-Hollabaugh: Shumaker Advisors Ohio announced that Joseph M. Hollabaugh Jr. has been named vice president of the firm.

Mr. Hollabaugh, who has been involved with state government for more than two decades, is a former Ohio Senate staff member who also served in former Gov. Bob Taft's administration. He held roles in the 2000 Bush/Cheney campaign in Ohio, and worked with the Ohio Department of Commerce, LNE Group and JMH Management.

He holds a degree in political science from Ohio State University.

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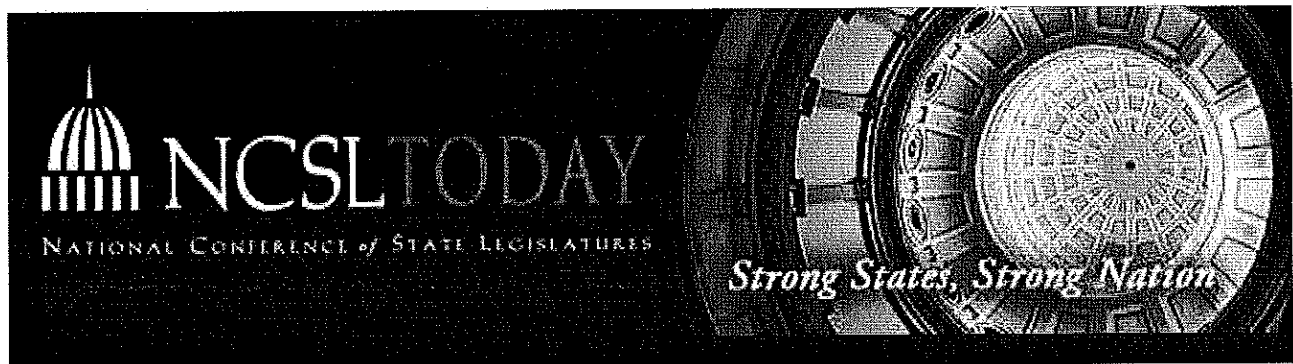
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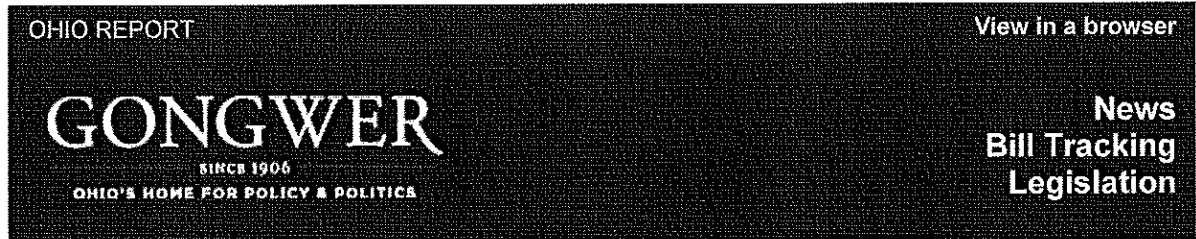
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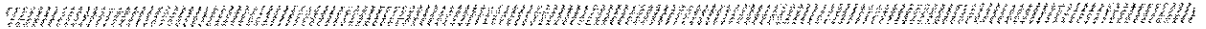
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Western Governors University Defends Learning Model After Audit Finds Teacher Interaction Is Lacking

A competency-based university the Kasich Administration has long supported is battling to keep its federal financial aid.

The U.S. Department of Education's Office of Inspector General this week released a final audit report challenging the role of faculty in Western Governors University courses.

The inspector general recommended the department require WGU to pay back at least \$713 million in federal financial aid and no longer be eligible for the funds because the audit determined students in most courses don't have regular and substantive interaction with faculty.

The findings harken to the debate over online charter schools in Ohio, which have seen their funding clawed back by the state over disputes regarding student participation.

"For each of the 102 courses required to complete the school's three largest programs, we reviewed course design materials for evidence that each course was designed to offer regular and substantive interaction between students and instructors, the key requirement to be considered a course offered through distance education," according to the USDOE's audit of the online university's 2013-14 funding year.

"We concluded that at least 69 of the 102 courses were not designed to offer regular and substantive interaction with an instructor and, therefore, did not meet the regulatory definition of distance education. Instead, these 69 courses met the Title IV definition of a correspondence course."

WGU, which earned Ohio's endorsement in the biennial budget (HB 49) and was the subject of extensive debate regarding a state designation plan that was eventually scrapped, is challenging the finding.

University President Scott Pulsipher said in a video posted to the WGU website that the federal distance education definition is outdated and shouldn't be used to determine effectiveness or funding eligibility of competency-based programs.

In fact, the DOE in 2014 issued guidance on distance learning that left eligibility up to accreditors because the definition of it hadn't been updated since 1992 when the internet was in its infancy, he said.

WGU's accreditation was reaffirmed in February by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities.

"Because it's not the traditional model with an instructor holding class a couple times a week, the OIG's position is that the interaction with students is not considered regular and substantive," Mr. Pulsipher said of WGU's programs. "We disagree and so do others, including our accreditors."

"We are working with the Department of Education, legislators and policy makers to resolve this issue," he added.

Among those watching and waiting on the outcome include the Ohio Department of Higher Education. Of the 83,000 WGU enrollees, about 1,600 are Ohioans, according to the institution.

That number was expected to grow under the state's recent endorsement of WGU as a quality competency-based option.

The move was precipitated by administration efforts to designate the institution as a full-fledged state institution in every way except that it wouldn't receive state funding. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, March 21, 2017)

The legislature instead took the endorsement route in the biennial budget after WGU realized it'd have to comply with a myriad of state laws and policies. Lawmakers and traditional institutions had also voiced skepticism over designation. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, April 21, 2017)

The state's stake in the institution also magnified last year when the Ohio Association of Community Colleges and WGU partnered to offer a tuition discount to community college students and create a 3+1 transfer program for nursing students. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, October 11, 2016)

"We are watching to see what happens at this point," ODHE spokesman Jeff Robinson said when asked if there is concern about how Ohio students could be impacted by the audit findings.

OACC Vice President Tom Walsh said community colleges are also tracking the issue. He opined that the federal policies may need updated to accommodate WGU's innovative learning and teaching models.

"At this point, it is too soon for us to determine what the impact will be on our students that transfer to WGU but it is something that we be monitoring closely," he said. "OACC continues to support multiple pathways that expand access to higher educational opportunities for all students, including working adults and low to moderate-income students, in order to increase the number of Ohioans with a postsecondary certificate, credential or degree."

According to various reports, experts suggest the Trump Administration isn't likely to act on the OIG's recommendations because of wide disagreement on the definition of distance learning used to determine funding eligibility.

Mr. Pulsipher said he is optimistic, but is also urging WGU supporters to contact elected officials and speak out against the OIG report.

"We have every expectation that we'll be able to resolve this issue," he said.

Legislative Leaders Form Congressional Redistricting Work Group, But Democrats Are Leery

House and Senate leaders on Friday announced a bipartisan working group to study the congressional redistricting process, but Democrats are already sounding warnings over a potential one-sided approach.

The end goal of the process could be a 2018 ballot issue that could compete with or substitute for an in-progress reform proposal being pushed by the Fair Districts = Fair Elections coalition. That plan seeks to wrest redistricting control away from lawmakers and place it into the hands of an independent commission. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, June 1, 2017)

Rep. Kirk Schuring (R-Canton) and Sen. Matt Huffman (R-Lima) will co-chair the working group. Democratic caucuses are also expected to participate but have yet to select members for the four-person panel and are leery of the process.

Meetings are expected to begin this month, although dates, times and locations have not yet been determined.

The announcement makes good on House Speaker Cliff Rosenberger and Senate President Larry Obhof's recent comments foreshadowing the announcement of a process to study the issue. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, September 21, 2017)

"With the responsibility of redrawing congressional districts quickly approaching, we feel the issue deserves thorough review and consideration, with the goal of finding common-sense reforms that will lead to a redistricting process that all interested parties can agree on," Speaker Rosenberger said. "I believe the creation of this panel, which I hope will be bipartisan, will yield an open exchange of ideas and input from varying perspectives."

Added Sen. Obhof: "I'm confident we can have a meaningful, bipartisan conversation about redistricting that can potentially show us a path forward to reform. I know that because we've been here before, particularly in the Senate, where we've been able to pass bipartisan congressional redistricting reforms twice in the last decade. I'm hopeful this dialogue will lead us again to a fair, constitutional process that we can take to Ohioans for consideration."

But the Senate's Democratic leader, concerned with undermining the Fair Districts' ballot effort, is already casting doubt on the plan. Senate Minority Leader Kenny Yuko (D-Richmond Hts.), in his own statement, also outlined his own expectations for the process, including televised public meetings, expert testimony and a commitment to push for a ballot issue only if all members of the working group agree.

"This week Republican Leadership informed us that they will put a congressional redistricting reform plan on the May 2018 ballot even without bipartisan support," Sen. Yuko said. "Such strong-arm tactics do not bode well for a constructive dialogue. Despite these difficulties, we still hope it is possible for the General Assembly to reach an agreement by working on a truly bipartisan basis."

John Forney, spokesman for the Senate Republican Caucus, said in an email of the lawmaker's statement, "It's unfortunate democrats would rather complain, than be part of a bipartisan working group that will make recommendations about redistricting."

According to the joint announcement, the group will review current law, gather public input and explore possible changes with the goal of drafting recommendations for lawmakers by early December.

Lawmakers would then consider whether to push a ballot issue to voters. The deadline for a 2018 ballot issue for the primary would be Feb. 7, although the General Assembly can put a proposal on the ballot on any date, the release notes.

Members of the Fair Districts coalition have said that although they continue to support bipartisan legislative action they will press ahead with their ballot effort until meaningful legislative reform occurs.

Bill To Weaken Energy Standards 'Not Dead,' According To Senators

Senate President Larry Obhof said he believes more hearings are in store this fall for a controversial bill to render Ohio's renewable energy standards optional.

That's despite relatively little talk over the summer about the bill (HB 114) or its odds in the Senate - a lack of chatter that left even sponsor Rep. Louis Blessing wondering if the bill is destined to die in the upper chamber.

"Without commenting further, I'd just assume it was dead," Rep. Blessing (R-Cincinnati) said this week. "That's how things go. It's the Senate's prerogative. We kind of knew going in."

But Sen. Obhof (R-Medina) and Sen. Troy Balderson, who chairs the Senate Energy & Natural Resources Committee that's reviewing the bill, both said it isn't dead. Still, a timeline for if and whether to move forward is unclear.

"We're going to continue to have conversations about that this fall," Sen. Obhof said. "I think the chairman will begin holding hearings relatively soon about that and we'll see where we end up."

Sen. Balderson (R-Zanesville) said he's unsure when he'll resume hearings on the measure. The bill had two Senate hearings last spring before formal discussion stalled heading into summer recess. The scores of opponents that turned out for House testimony have yet to make their case before the Senate panel.

"It could go either way," Sen. Balderson said of the bill. "I wouldn't say it's dead. To my knowledge it is not dead."

Sen. Balderson said the key to the bill's passage will be whether lawmakers can arrive at a version of the bill that draws support from a majority of the caucus.

Also a factor are conversations with the administration that began last spring to find an agreeable compromise after Gov. John Kasich vetoed a less far-reaching version of the bill (HB554, 131st General Assembly) last session. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, December 27, 2016)

"That conversation's still happening though not as extensively," Sen. Balderson said of talks with the governor's team. "But most importantly it's here, what this chamber wants to do. We'll work with the administration but we have to get some people here on board too."

Samantha Williams, staff attorney for the Natural Resources Defense Council, said the group still believes the bill would put Ohio on the wrong course. But the ongoing discussion of energy issues marks an opportunity to craft legislation that supports clean energy and draws investment to the state, she said.

"The version of HB114 that passed the House last spring is a non-starter, wasting time on a settled issue," Ms. Williams said. "But the Senate is in a position to craft a bill that actually ensures Ohio can attract the tremendous wave of corporate and consumer interest in clean energy. Anything less would be a missed opportunity."

Proponents and Rep. Blessing have said the bill would shift the state away from mandates and toward incentives. Renewable energy and energy efficiency programs would continue, they argue, while wholesale price suppression would be curbed.

But critics say the bill will steer investment and clean energy jobs away from the state. Since HB554 failed, the standards have resumed after a two-year freeze and are resulting in benefits for the state, according to Trish Demeter, managing director of energy programs for the Ohio Environmental Council.

"They're delivering exactly what they promised: cleaner air, lower bills, a signal to clean energy businesses that we're ready and willing to have their investments in our state," Ms. Demeter said. "So we think Senate consideration of HB114 in its current state...sends the wrong message."

Also up for discussion is the latest effort (SB 188) from Sen. Cliff Hite (R-Findlay) to walk back wind turbine setback restrictions in an effort to foster wind energy growth.

That bill and a similar bill from Sen. Michael Skindell (D-Lakewood) have been scheduled for a first hearing Wednesday in Sen. Balderson's committee.

After House leaders stripped out Sen. Hite's budget amendment to accomplish that aim last spring, legislative leaders in both chambers have floated the idea of amending compromise setback language into HB 114. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, June 29, 2017)

Sen. Obhof this week again floated that possibility as a discussion point.

"I'd like to find a compromise that makes some progress on the standards but also on some other issues as well," Sen. Obhof said. "As most people know the Senate has a standalone related to wind energy. I'm not sure if that'll end up being done as part of one bill or not but I'm interested in looking at that subject overall and holistically."

Ms. Demeter said folding the two bills into one would send a "mixed message." Despite their support for fixing wind setbacks, she said, HB114 without a substantial overhaul would remain "a fundamentally flawed bill."

Sponsor Says Student Savings Worth State Cost Of Latest Textbook Proposal

At first glance, newly introduced legislation that could save students millions of dollars each year when they purchase textbooks would appear to be a boon for a state that's made it a mission in recent years to reduce higher education costs.

The only hitch is that it would cost the state an equal amount in foregone revenue.

Rep. Mike Duffey (R-Worthington) recently reintroduced legislation (HB 337) to exempt college textbooks from the sales tax - a move he said is necessary even if expensive at first.



Rep. Duffey

The bill stalled in the last General Assembly after the Department of Taxation estimated it would result in \$25 million in forgone annual state tax revenue and \$6 million in county tax revenue.

"I expect to get the same concerns we got before, which is there is a loss in revenue. I hear, 'it's a good idea but there is a loss of revenue,'" Rep. Duffey, chairman of the House Higher Education and Workforce Committee, said in an interview.

This time, he said, he's open to making some changes to the bill to allay concerns.

"I've thought about some kind of delayed trigger based on state revenues if we have a year in which state revenues exceed projections in excess of \$40 million then that goes into place and it's permanent from then," he said. "(The Office of Budget and Management) then could manage it into the future so it's not a surprise."

The tax change, Rep. Duffey said, would not only bring Ohio's policies in line with many other states, but also serve as a response to continued outcry over the costs of higher education and, in particular, textbooks.

In the most recent biennial budget, textbooks were a major point of debate as the administration sought to require colleges and universities to provide students with textbooks and allow them to charge students \$300 to recoup some costs.

"Everyone complains about the cost of education and textbook (prices) have risen inflationary over 1,000% since I was born, which is 1977," Rep. Duffey said, adding: "We don't need to add insult to injury on adding sales tax on top of it."

In its most recent survey, the National Association of College Stores, showed students spent an average of \$579 on 10 required course materials - a decline from \$602 in the previous academic year and \$701 in the 2007-08 school year.

The Oberlin-based group has also determined that 23 states have sales tax exemptions - some with limitations - on college textbooks. Another five don't levy any sales taxes, so textbooks were never taxed.

"Yes, textbooks generate sales tax for the state, but they're part and parcel of education. We don't charge sales tax on college tuition so why would we charge it on textbooks that are part of going to college?" Rep. Duffey asked.

The sponsor said student groups, such as university undergraduate student governments, were supportive of the bill in the last General Assembly. Institutions are also likely to silently cheer on the bill because it's preferable to past proposals requiring them to foot part of the bill for student textbooks, he said.

"They want anything that saves money for their students, especially if it doesn't cost them money and this doesn't cost them money so they have now reason to be opposed to it," Rep. Duffey said.

ODT Chief Legal Counsel Matt Chaffin said the agency won't take sides on the bill, but will provide updated estimates of revenue impacts.

If approved, he said ODT would provide guidance to vendors about the exemption. The administration of the tax could prove more complex than others, he said, because it is subjective in that the exemption would only apply to students who can prove they need the textbooks for college courses.

Kasich, Mayors Talk Partnerships In Opiate Epidemic

Gov. John Kasich and administration officials met with a group of mayors this week as local and state leaders try to work together in fighting the opiate crisis.

The meeting came after the mayors wrote to the governor recommending state and local approaches to dealing with the drug problem.

"We had a very constructive meeting with Gov. Kasich and his Cabinet Opioid Action Team. We were very encouraged by the open and cooperative dialogue," Findlay Mayor Lydia Mihalik said in a statement Thursday. "Yesterday's meeting was an important step forward to help bring together state and local leaders on this challenging issue."

The meeting included the agency directors who make up the Governor's Cabinet Opioid Action Team, as well as Cincinnati Mayor John Cranley, Parma Mayor Tim DeGeeter, Kettering Mayor Don Patterson and Dr. Mysheika Roberts, assistant health commissioner for Columbus.

Jon Keeling, a spokesman for Gov. Kasich, said the problem is one that will take cooperation between state and local governments.

"Ohio is investing more than \$1 billion in our fight against drug abuse, and Ohio's mayors are vital partners as they serve on the front lines of the effort," he said in an email. "This meeting allowed Governor Kasich to make sure our cooperative efforts are being maximized, and he came away pleased with the mayors' enthusiasm and dedication to taking on this struggle in their own community."

The mayors said discussion included the coordination of state and local services and departments.

"The next step is to find ways to better coordinate state and local efforts, and we are optimistic about working with the Governor and his team to help do that," Mr. DeGeeter said.

Mr. Cranley said Medicaid has played a key role in paying for addiction treatment and offered support in protecting Medicaid expansion at the state and federal level.

"Medicaid is one of the most important tools in our fight against opioid addiction," he said. "The threat to reduce this funding is very real and we are ready to partner with Gov. Kasich in any way that we can to protect Medicaid funding."

Mr. Patterson said the work to fight the drug problem at the state level must continue.

"The opioid crisis affects almost every community in every corner of the state," he said. "The governor, the state legislature, and the attorney general have done some important work to confront this crisis, but we can't let up and we have to continue doing whatever we can to contain the scourge of opioid addiction in Ohio."

House Task Force: The Speaker's Task Force on Heroin, Opioids, Prevention, Education and Safety announced a location for its Oct. 16 meeting at Wright State University. The roundtable will be held at 1 p.m. at the Berry Room in the Nutter Center. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, September 15, 2017)

A location has yet to be determined for the Oct. 17 roundtable in Columbus, and a date has yet to be set for a roundtable in Portsmouth.

Medical Marijuana Dispensary Applications Available; Opposition To Federal Health Plan Continues

Applications for medical marijuana dispensary licenses were released this week, with the paperwork due in November.

The state expects to issue licenses to medical marijuana cultivators by November, and officials have said they plan to have those licenses issued before accepting dispensary licenses. That way any companies that plan on vertically integrating their businesses will know before going through the process if they've received a cultivator license. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, August 10, 2017)

Information on dispensary applications is available on the Medical Marijuana Control Program's website. Applications will also be submitted online.

The applications will be accepted Nov. 3 through Nov. 17.

The process has drawn praise from industry officials. Thomas Rosenberger, executive director of the National Cannabis Industry Association of Ohio, said the application release marks another milestone in the process.

"Today's release of the dispensary application marks a major milestone in ensuring Ohio's medical marijuana program is operational by the September 8th, 2018 statutory deadline," he said in a statement. "The State of Ohio Board of Pharmacy showed a commitment to patient safety and access throughout the dispensary rules writing process, and we believe that commitment will again be demonstrated by both dispensary applicants and state regulators during the application process."

The Department of Commerce also released a set of answers to questions about the application process for medical marijuana testing laboratories. The department said it will license both public institutions of higher education and private testing labs.

Hocking College announced earlier this month that it intends to seek a testing lab license. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, September 5, 2017)

The Department of Commerce said it will also be able to issue licenses to private labs starting in July 2018.

Federal Health Bill: The latest iteration of efforts by U.S. Senate Republicans to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act appeared to hit a major hurdle Friday afternoon as U.S. Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.) announced he would not support the proposal.

The measure, proposed by Sens. Lindsey Graham of South Carolina and Bill Cassidy of Louisiana, was met with opposition by medical groups, advocates and others as it appeared to gain steam this week.

Gov. John Kasich repeatedly voiced his opposition to the measure, instead pushing for a bipartisan approach to fix problems in the individual insurance market. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, September 19, 2017)

The Governor's Office of Health Transformation this week released estimates of what effect the Graham-Cassidy proposal would have on Ohio. Estimates showed Ohio losing between \$4 billion and \$9 billion in federal funds to support coverage, leading to about a 5% cut in federal funding.

Lori Criss, CEO of the Ohio Council of Behavioral Health & Family Services Providers, urged U.S. Sen. Rob Portman (R-Terrace Park) to oppose the bill.

"This proposal would block grant and cap federal funding, radically altering the Medicaid financing process, causing Ohio to end Medicaid expansion and lose \$9 billion in the middle of Ohio's opioid crisis - this is unconscionable," she said in a statement.

"Simply adding opioid treatment grant funding to the bill is insufficient and misguided, and not a substitute for comprehensive health coverage," she added. "Grant funding is limited in scope, quantity and duration; when it runs out, so does the treatment. By relying on a woefully inadequate grant fund to replace lost Medicaid health coverage, Graham-Cassidy will cripple states in their efforts to fight the opioid epidemic. Indeed, the Graham-Cassidy repeal and replace plan would likely force Ohio to cut benefits and restrict access to critical behavioral health and addiction services - reversing much of the progress Ohio has made in fighting the opiate crisis."

LPO Again Comes Up Short In Ballot Access Case; Former Cop To Remain In Prison; Township Lawsuit Can Move Forward...

The Libertarian Party of Ohio has lost another round in its long-running legal battle for ballot access.

The Tenth District Court of Appeals has sided with the Franklin County Common Pleas Court in ruling that a 2013 state law (SB193, 130th General Assembly) is constitutional.

The LPO raised several issues in the case, including that the law that took effect in early 2014 violates the equal protection clause of the state's Constitution.

The law "does not operate to restrict party affiliation to only major party voters. Instead, upon meeting the 3% vote requirement in the immediately preceding election necessary to retain its status as a minor party, a minor party may participate in the primary election process and thereby have affiliated voters," Judge Julia Dorrian wrote in the court's unanimous decision.

"Thus, it is true that Ohio's election law scheme places some burden on minor political parties by requiring them to establish a modicum of political support before they can participate in the primary process and thereby have voters declare affiliation with their party. However, we find that LPO has not demonstrated how this amounts to a severe burden on its rights."

Former Cop: A former Akron police officer will remain in prison after an Ohio Supreme Court ruling.

In a 5-1 per curiam decision, the high court upheld a Ninth District Court of Appeals ruling that reversed a trial court's 2013 decision to deem Douglas Prade innocent and release him from prison based on new DNA testing ordered by the high court in 2010.

"We hold that R.C. 2945.67(A) and 2953.23(B) unambiguously allow the state an absolute right to appeal a judgment granting post-conviction relief. Therefore, Prade has not demonstrated that the Ninth District's exercise of jurisdiction over the state's appeal was unauthorized by law," the court wrote.

"Likewise, he fails to demonstrate that Judge Croce lacked jurisdiction to carry the Ninth's District's judgment into effect on remand or that the Ninth District lacks jurisdiction over his pending appeal of Judge Croce's denial of his motion for a new trial."

Mr. Prade was convicted of the 1997 murder of his former wife and sentenced to life in prison. In 2008, he asked for additional DNA testing of a lab coat she was wearing at the time of her death, the high court's media arm reported.

The request was denied by both the trial and appellate courts. However, the high court ordered the testing to be conducted.

Based on the results, Mr. Prade sought a new trial or post-conviction relief. The trial court ordered him released from prison in 2013. But the prosecutor appealed that ruling, and the appellate court reversed the trial court decision. Another common pleas court

judge reinstated his conviction and ordered him to be returned to prison, where he has been held since July 2014.

Justice Bill O'Neill cast the lone "no" vote in the case.

"To remedy what I consider to be an astounding miscarriage of justice, I would grant a peremptory writ of prohibition directing the trial court to vacate its March 11, 2016 order reconsidering and denying Prade's motion for a new trial and to reinstate the January 29, 2013 order for a new trial," he wrote.

Chief Justice Maureen O'Connor did not participate in the case.

Township Lawsuit: An Ottawa County township can challenge in common pleas court a company's right to fill a rock quarry.

In a unanimous per curiam decision, the high court ruled that nuisance and zoning ordinance claims raised by Benton Township against Rock Ridge Development LLC can be contested in common pleas court.

However, the court also ruled that challenges to the company's permit must be addressed by the Environmental Review Appeals Commission, according to the court.

"Without question, some of the allegations in the Benton Township complaint directly challenge the wisdom of the LAMP permit and therefore fall squarely within the jurisdiction of ERAC," the opinion stated.

The case stems from permits issued to the company by the Ohio EPA in 2014 and 2017 to allow it to use spent lime in a soil blend to increase the elevation and improve the property's drainage.

Supplemental Process: The ACLU of Ohio and Demos have weighed in on a U.S. Supreme Court case involving Ohio's maintenance of its voter rolls.

The groups filed an amicus brief in a case that could determine the constitutionality of the state's "Supplemental Process," in which the secretary of state's office cancels the registration of those who do not vote in three successive federal elections or in the intervening local elections. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, May 30, 2017)

"The purging of eligible voters has not increased the accuracy of voter rolls or done anything to further the integrity of elections. Quite to the contrary: the purge systematically disenfranchises perfectly eligible Ohioans for merely exercising their right not to vote," said Freda Levenson, legal director of the ACLU of Ohio.

"The Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals declared that such purges violate the National Voter Registration Act. And the Supreme Court, we hope, will confirm this. At a time when the nation's faith in our democratic process is at an all-time low, this case represents an

opportunity to right the wrong of Ohio's voter purges, and take a significant step toward fair and just elections."

Oral arguments in the case are slated for Nov. 8.

Execution Dates: Ohio has two more executions scheduled after the state's high court on Friday set dates for Percy Hutton and Cedric Carter to die by lethal injection.

Mr. Carter, who was convicted of the 1992 murder of Frances Messinger, is scheduled to be executed on Aug. 24, 2022. Mr. Hutton, who was convicted of the 1986 murder of Derek Mitchell, has an execution date of June 22, 2022.

Public Records: A law (SB321, 131st General Assembly) passed last year has proven to be successful in solving public record disputes.

The high court reported that 82 public records cases have been filed through Aug. 30 with the Court of Claims through the process created by the law. Of those, 55 cases have been closed, 75% of which were resolved through mediation.

Just 17% of cases were considered by a special master.

"It gives self-represented litigants access to a court to hear their claim fairly quickly and get a quick up-or-down decision on whether they have a right to the record they're requesting," Mark Reed, clerk of the court, said. "It provides the public with greater access to justice."

Attorney Theft: The Board of Commissioners of the Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection awarded nearly \$230,000 to 29 victims of attorney theft at its September meeting.

Wayne National Forest Fracking Auctions Continue; Enviro Groups Blast Rover As OEPA Hikes Fines...

The Bureau of Land Management on Thursday auctioned off another chunk of mineral rights within the Wayne National Forest - drawing renewed criticism from environmental groups and praise from the oil and gas industry.

Mineral rights for 141 acres were auctioned off, drawing \$192,023 in revenue. It's the third such auction and represents only a fraction of the 18,000 the BLM intends to sell from the Marietta Unit.

So far, 1,817 acres have been auctioned since December, which has drawn scorn from opponents like the Center for Biological Diversity.

"Fracking has encroached on communities all over eastern Ohio. Now the few remaining public forests are under threat, along with wildlife and public health," said Taylor McKinnon, CBD public lands campaigner. "These precious forests provide healthy

watersheds, wildlife refuges and peaceful recreation. They should be entirely off limits from polluting wells, pipelines and heavy truck traffic."

Energy-in-Depth Ohio, a pro-oil and gas publication, meanwhile argued the sales are "changing lives" by driving revenue toward communities. The state will receive about 25% of the sale with effected counties also receiving a slice, EID argued.

"Leasing and development are going to provide tremendous benefits for nearby communities in the coming years - especially if local schools near Ohio are any indicator," according to EID.

Environmental groups earlier this year filed an administrative challenge and a lawsuit seeking to halt the auctions. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, August 2, 2017)

Rover: In other developments involving Wayne National Forest, environmental groups including the CBD also blasted the Rover Pipeline project, the route of which transverses the northeastern part of the Marietta Unit.

The criticism follows months of debate over the project, which has spilled more than 2 million gallons of drilling lubricant, including traces of diesel fuel, into Ohio wetlands.

"We've seen problem after problem with the construction phase of the Rover Pipeline, and it isn't even in operation yet," said Nathan Johnson of the Ohio Environmental Council. "The last thing we want to see is a pipeline spill or explosion in the Wayne, not to mention mile upon mile of holes punched through the Wayne's forest cover."

Craig Butler, director of the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, told media earlier this week the agency has asked Attorney General Mike DeWine to collect \$2.3 million in civil penalties from the company.

The agency had initially sought \$914,000 in penalties but has continued to argue with the company over its steps toward compliance. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, July 10, 2017)

Rover Pipeline LLC and its parent, Energy Transfer Partners, maintain they are working with OEPA and federal regulators to address any outstanding issues.

Nexus: The Sierra Club is asking federal regulators to reconsider authorization of the Nexus Pipeline and to stay the project while the group's request is considered.

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission on Aug. 25 issued certificates for the \$2 billion project, clearing a major regulatory hurdle. FERC has not yet responded to Sierra Club's rehearing request, which was submitted Thursday. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, August 28, 2017)

The group contends the commission's order and the environmental impact statement it is based on violated the Natural Gas and the National Environmental Policy acts.

"Sierra Club members and the public at large will suffer irreparable harm if Nexus is allowed to go forward," the group alleges. "It is contrary to the public interest to permit a pipeline based on speculation and without a proper review of its environmental impacts to result in the irreversible destruction of the environment and the forcible taking of private property."

Politics Notebook: Ballot Board Certifies Puppy Mill Issue; Foodbank Group Exits ACA Program; GCP Opposes Issue 2

The Ballot Board on Friday certified a proposed constitutional amendment on regulations for dog breeders as a single issue, paving the way for proponents to start collecting signatures.

The proposal, backed by a coalition that includes the Humane Society of the United States, is intended to crack down on so-called "puppy mills" in the state.

Ballot Board members had no questions for attorney Don McTigue, who represents the issue's supporters. No opponents testified before the board. (Certification letter)

Attorney General Mike DeWine certified the proposed language earlier this week. Backers can now start collecting the 305,591 signatures needed to meet their goal of getting the issue on the ballot in November 2018.

The signatures must include totals in each of at least 44 counties equaling 5% of the vote for governor in 2014.

Proponents of the issue said the proposal would give Ohio the toughest puppy mill law in the country, requiring standards for the animals' food and water, the cleanliness of their enclosures and temperature control. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, September 18, 2017)

Opponents, including breeders and agricultural groups, say a 2013 law regulating commercial breeders has worked, and the standards don't need to be enshrined in the state constitution.

Foodbanks/ACA: The Ohio Association of Foodbanks dropped out of the Affordable Care Act's "navigator" program this week in the wake of its funding being gutted by the Trump Administration.

The initiative, aimed at helping people enroll in the beleaguered health insurance program, is one of several facets of the ACA under assault by majority Republicans looking to "repeal and replace" the act.

OAF has received funding as part of a consortium of Ohio groups involved in the navigator program. Executive Director Lisa Hamler-Fugitt said in a statement that the funding cuts made it impossible to continue.

"Over the past three weeks, the nonprofit organizations that make up our Navigator consortium and their hardworking staff have been held hostage by what we believe is a political maneuver to damage the viability and stability of the Affordable Care Act," she said. "Although we have consistently received positive feedback from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), and have nearly met, met, or exceeded all of our goals, we received word last week that we would be eligible for just 29 percent of our funding."

"What's more, we still have received no explanation for what methodology was used to determine our funding, who determined the methodology or how it was applied."

"Without adequate funding or a viable path forward, we have been forced to make an impossible choice," Ms. Hamler-Fugitt added. "Due to this decision by CMS, Ohio consumers who need unbiased, in-person help with learning about, shopping for and enrolling in health care coverage will lose access to trusted Navigator resources in their communities. It will also result in direct job losses for hardworking Navigator personnel that have achieved incredible results during their tenures. It is with incredible disappointment that we regrettably announce our decision to exit the Navigator program."

GCP On Ballot Issues: The Greater Cleveland Partnership recently voted to endorse two local ballot proposals and oppose statewide Issue 2, the drug price initiative.

"The proposed initiated statute, Issue 2, would attempt to prohibit the state from purchasing a prescription drug unless the net cost of the drug is equal to or less than the lowest price paid for the drug by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Unfortunately, it is highly unlikely the proposal could be implemented or be able to achieve its purpose," the group stated in a release. "Issue 2 is vague and lacks certain definitions, meaning it is questionable how differing entities and state agencies would choose to implement it."

GCP backs the renewal of the Port of Cleveland's 0.13-mill operating levy, and a 0.5-mill bond issue for Cuyahoga Community College facilities.

Agency Briefs: Audit Cites Home Health Aides Over Certification; Labor Force Detailed; SBA; ODNR

A Medicaid provider in Pickaway County owes the state almost \$141,000 after home health employees let their first aid certification expire, according to State Auditor Dave Yost.

The audit found Constance Care Home Healthcare LLC had more than a dozen aides who provided services in 2015 when they failed to meet qualifications.

Employees were told a certificate for completing in-house first aid training as part of their orientation was valid as long as they stayed with the company, but that certification is only valid for a set period, usually two years, according to the report.

Of the company's 30 aides tested, 13 let their Red Cross certification expire and administered 101 total services after the expiration. Auditors also found 19 services that had no supporting documentation.

The auditors determined the company was overpaid by \$135,135 and owes \$140,910 with interest.

Auditors also found the company gave certificates to employees who had obtained certification through the Red Cross but who had not participated in the company's training.

"Aides have to maintain first aid certification by attending renewal courses to freshen their skills," Auditor Yost said in a statement. "This company unwisely took a shortcut and gave some employees a free pass instead."

A separate audit of a Mansfield group home found the provider was paid \$9,057 for services that did not occur or were not authorized.

The overpayments happened when Chenita Group Home claimed reimbursement for services to two patients after they were discharged in 2014.

"Constant vigilance is needed to ensure that taxpayer dollars are being spent as intended" Auditor Yost said. "Overbilling such as this is an unacceptable drain on resources intended to help Ohio's neediest citizens."

Labor Force: The unemployment rate rose in five Ohio counties, dropped in 75 counties and remained the same in eight in August. County rates ranged from 3.2% in Mercer County to 8.5% in Meigs County, according to the state.

Eleven counties had rates at or below 4% in August, including Mercer, Holmes, Putnam, Wyandot, Delaware, Auglaize, Hancock, Union, Madison, Van Wert and Wayne, according to the state.

Eight counties had rates at or above 7%, including Meigs, Monroe, Lorain, Scioto, Adams, Coshocton, Cuyahoga and Jefferson.

Small Business Administration: The U.S. SBA said federal disaster loans are available to small businesses, agricultural cooperatives and private nonprofit organizations in Ohio as a result of rain and flooding from May 25 to July 15 in Allen, Auglaize, Mercer, Paulding, Putnam and Van Wert counties.

Eligible entities that suffered losses as a result of the disaster are eligible, but the SBA cannot provide loans to agricultural producers, farmers or ranchers except aquaculture enterprises.

Loans can be up to \$2 million with interest rates of 2.5% for private nonprofits and 3.215% for small businesses.

Applications can be submitted online.

Natural Resources: The Division of Oil and Gas Resources Management also reported that 2,620 permits had been issued for drilling in the Utica shale as of Sept. 16, with 2,123 wells drilled and 1,683 wells producing.

The department also urged Ohioans to help protect monarch butterflies by protecting milkweed plants, which are essential to their caterpillars.

The ODNR said landowners who want to help create more habitats for the butterflies and other pollinators can contact a Division of Wildlife biologist by calling 800-WILDLIFE.

Governor's Appointments

Hocking Technical College Board of Trustees: Mike Brooks of Nelsonville (Athens Co.) was reappointed for a term beginning Sept. 22 and ending Aug. 26, 2020.

Northeast Ohio Medical University Board of Trustees: Phillip L. Trueblood of Lima (Allen Co.) has been appointed to the for a term beginning September 22, 2017, and ending September 21, 2026.

Credit Union Council: Kristen Scott of Dublin (Franklin Co.) was reappointed and Robin D. Thomas of Bedford (Cuyahoga Co.) appointed for terms beginning Sept. 23 and ending Sept. 22, 2020.

Supplemental Agency Calendar

Monday, September 25

Tax Credit Authority, Rm. South A, 31st Fl., 77 S. High St., Columbus, 10 a.m.

Tuesday, September 26

Minority Development Financing Advisory Board, Rm. East B, 31st Fl., 77 S. High St., Columbus, 10 a.m.

Wednesday, September 27

EMIS Advisory Board, Rm. 017, Statehouse, Columbus, 1 p.m.

Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, 180 E. Broad St., Columbus, 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, September 28

House Speaker's Task Force on Education & Poverty, 77 S. High St., 31st Fl. West Room B&C, Columbus, 10:30 a.m.

Monday, October 2

Speaker's Task Force on Heroin, Opioids, Prevention, Education, and Safety, MetroHealth, Scott Auditorium, Cleveland, 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, October 5

Speaker's Task Force on Heroin, Opioids, Prevention, Education, and Safety, Center for Addiction Treatment, Spaulding Recovery and Family Care Building, Cincinnati, 12 p.m.

Thursday, October 12

Speaker's Task Force on Heroin, Opioids, Prevention, Education, and Safety, Summa Health, Corporate Office, Akron, 12 p.m.

Sunday, October 15

Speaker's Task Force on Heroin, Opioids, Prevention, Education, and Safety, Wright State University, Nutter Center, Berry Room, Fairborn, 1 p.m.

Supplemental Event Planner

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Rep. Hearcel Craig (D-Columbus) news conference on legislation regarding fair housing, George Washington Williams Rm., Statehouse, Columbus, 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday, October 18

Sen. Sandra Williams (D-Cleveland) fundraiser, Einstein's, 41 S High Street, Columbus, 7:30 a.m., (Platinum Sponsor - \$1,000; Gold Sponsor - \$500 or Suggested Contribution - \$350 to Friends of Sandra Williams)

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Senate Activity for Friday, September 22, 2017

DELIVERED TO THE GOVERNOR

SB 37 ■ **POLICE CHIEF TRAINING (Hite, C.)** To require the Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission to develop and conduct a chief of police training course for newly appointed village, city, and township chiefs of police.

SB 57 ■ **AWARENESS DAY (Kunze, S.)** To designate the seventeenth day of May as "Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma Awareness Day."

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**Daily Activity Planner for Saturday, September 23-
Monday, September 25**
Legislative Committees

No legislative committees scheduled.

Agency Calendar
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Controlling Board, North Hearing Rm., Senate Bldg., Columbus, 1:30 p.m.

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Sen. Frank LaRose (R-Hudson) golf outing fundraiser, Firestone Country Club, 452 East Warner Road, Akron, 11:30 a.m., (Lunch & Range Time 11:30am. Tee times starting at 1:05pm. \$300 Lunch Only | \$1,000 Lunch and Golf to LaRose for Ohio)

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House Activity for Friday, September 22, 2017

DELIVERED TO THE GOVERNOR

HB 59 ■ **DAY DESIGNATION** (Leland, D., West, T.) To designate October 7 as "Moses Fleetwood Walker Day."

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Tuesday, September 26

Sen. Bob Hackett (R-London), Sen. Frank Hoagland (R-Adena) and Sen. Frank LaRose (R-Hudson) fundraiser, Athletic Club of Columbus, Gold Room, 136 E. Broad St., Columbus, 5 p.m., (\$2,500 Event Chair | \$1,000 Event Host | \$500 Event Sponsor | \$350 Individual to Hackett for Ohio, Hoagland for Ohio and/or LaRose for Ohio)

Sen. Bob Peterson (R-Sabina) and Sen. Randy Gardner (R-Bowling Green) fundraiser, Athletic Club of Columbus, Crystal Room, 136 E. Broad St., Columbus, 5 p.m., (\$5,000 Event Chair | \$2,500 Event Host | \$1,000 Event Sponsor | \$500 Individual to Peterson for Good Government Or Citizens for Gardner Committee)

Rep. Michael Ashford (D-Toledo) fundraiser, Tony's Italian Ristorante, 16 W Beck St, Columbus, 5 p.m., (Gold Sponsor \$1,500, Silver Sponsor \$1,000, Bronze Sponsor \$500 to Citizens with Ashford)

Ohio Legislative Black Caucus Foundation reception, Tony's, 16 W. Beck St., Columbus, 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, September 27

Rep. Rick Carfagna (R-Genoa Township) fundraiser, OHROC, 21 W. Broad Street, Floor 7, Columbus, 11:30 a.m., (Chair: \$1,000; Host: \$500; Sponsor: \$350 to Committee to Elect Rick Carfagna)

Rep. Tim Schaffer (R-Lancaster) fundraiser, Oliver's, 26 N. High Street, Columbus, 5 p.m., (Chair: \$1,000; Host: \$500; Sponsor: \$350 to Tim Schaffer for State Representative)

Sen. Dave Burke (R-Marysville), Sen. Scott Oelslager (R-N. Canton) and Sen. Kris Jordan (R-Ostrander) fundraiser, Athletic Club of Columbus, Crystal Room, 136 E. Broad St., Columbus, 5 p.m., (\$2,500 Event Chair | \$1,000 Event Host | \$500 Event Sponsor | \$350 Individual to Team Burke, Oelslager for Ohio Committee or Friends of Kris Jordan)

Sen. Bill Beagle (R-Tipp City) and Sen. Steve Wilson (R-Maineville) fundraiser, Athletic Club of Columbus, Gold Room, 136 E. Broad St., Columbus, 5 p.m.,

(\$2,500 Event Chair | \$1,000 Event Host | \$500 Event Sponsor | \$350 Individual to Citizens for Bill Beagle Or Steve Wilson for Ohio)

Thursday, September 28

Drug-Free Workforce Community Initiative news conference, Statehouse Atrium, Columbus, 9 a.m.

Rep. Rob McColley (R-Napoleon) fundraiser, Due Amici, 67 E. Gay Street, Columbus, 11:30 a.m., (Chair: \$5,000; Host: \$2,500; Sponsor: \$1,000; Patron: \$500 to Citizens for McColley)

Sen. President Larry Obhof (R-Medina) shotgun and pig roast fundraiser, Hill'n Dale Club, 3605 Poe Road, Medina, 2 p.m., (2:30-3:00pm - Sign in/Registration/ Meet and greet with Senator Obhof in the Hill'n Dale Lodge; 3:00 pm - Clay Shooting: 5-Stand with Group or Optional Course on your Own. 5:00-6:00pm - Dinner. \$500 Distinguished Expert/Station Sponsor: \$250 Sharp Shooter: \$150 First Class: \$100 Marksman or \$25 Per Person or \$50 per Family: Dinner Only to Citizens for Obhof)

Friday, September 29

Rep. Dave Greenspan (R-Westlake) golf outing fundraiser, Springvale Golf Course, 5871 Canterbury Rd., North Olmstead, 9 a.m., (9 am shotgun start. Friends of Dave Greenspan)

Sen. Joe Uecker (R-Loveland) Day at the Races fundraiser, Belterra, 6301 Kellogg Rd., Cincinnati, 12:30 p.m., (11:30am Park Opens | 12:30pm Lunch | 1:45pm Live Racing Begins. \$1500 Triple Crown | \$1,000 Champion | \$750 Winner's Circle | \$500 Thoroughbred | \$250 Jockey Club | \$100 per Attendee The Committee to Elect Joe Uecker)

Sunday, October 1

Ohio Legislative Black Caucus 50th Anniversary events, Canton, (5:15-6:15pm: Welcome Reception & Hall of Fame Tours; 6:15pm-8:15: Program & Dinner; 8:20pm-10:00pm: Live Music with the Four Keeps; 10:00pm: After Party Reception at the M-Bar)

Sen. Bob Peterson (R-Sabina) fall fest fundraiser, Peterson Farm, 5564 Grassy Branch Rd., Sabina, 4 p.m., (\$25 per Person or \$50 per Family to Peterson for Good Government)

Monday, October 2

Ohio Legislative Black Caucus 50th Anniversary events, Canton, (10:30am: Golf Outing Start (registration begins at 8:30am); 1:00pm: First Ladies Library Tour (registration begins at 12:00pm); 2:00pm: President McKinley Museum Tour (registration begins at 12:00pm); 3:00pm-4:00pm: OLBC Cookout/Reception at the National Historic Clearview Golf Course)

OHROC Chairman's Cup golf outing fundraiser, Virtues Golf Club, 1 Long Drive, Nashport, 9 a.m., (9:00am Registration; 10:00am Shotgun Start. Event Host:

\$5,000; Event Sponsor: \$2,500; Tee Sponsor: \$1,250; Foursome: \$1,000; Individual Golfer: \$250; Reception Only: \$100 to OHROC)

Wednesday, October 4

Sen. Troy Balderson (R-Zanesville) & Sen. Stephanie Kunze (R-Hilliard) fundraiser, Muirfield Village Country Club, 8715 Memorial Drive, Dublin, 8:30 a.m., (\$500 each committee to Troy Balderson for State Senate and Citizens for Stephanie Kunze)

Thursday, October 5

Sen. Matt Huffman (R-Lima) golf outing fundraiser, Hidden Creek Golf Club, 6245 Sugar Creek Lane, Lima, 9 a.m., (9:00am Registration | 10:00am Shotgun Start. \$1,000 Event Sponsor | \$400 per Team | \$200 Tee Sponsor | \$100 per Golfer to Matt Huffman for Ohio)

Sen. Louis Terhar (R-Cincinnati) fundraiser, Schilderink residence, 9675 Cunningham Road, Cincinnati, 6 p.m., (\$2,500 Event Sponsor | \$1,000 Sponsor | \$500 Host | \$250 Couple | \$200 Individual to Friends of Lou Terhar)

Sunday, October 8

Republican gubernatorial candidate forum, Genoa Baptist Church, 7562 Lewis Center Rd., Westerville, 7 p.m., (Sponsored by Citizens for Community Values and Salem Media of Ohio)

Tuesday, October 10

Rep. Niraj Antani (R-Miamisburg) fundraiser, Oliver's, 26 N. High Street, Columbus, 11:30 a.m., (Chair: \$1,000; Host: \$500; Sponsor: \$350 to Citizens for Niraj Antani)

Rep. Jeff Rezabek (R-Clayton) and Rep. Nathan Manning (R-North Ridgeville) fundraiser, Ringside, 19 N. Pearl Street, Columbus, 5 p.m., (Chair: \$1,000; Host: \$500; Sponsor: \$350 to Citizens for Rezabek and/or Manning for Ohio)

Sen. Kevin Bacon (R-Columbus), Sen. Troy Balderson (R-Zanesville) & Sen. Joe Uecker (R-Loveland) fundraiser, Athletic Club of Columbus, Lounge, 136 E. Broad St., Columbus, 5 p.m., (\$2,500 Event Chair | \$1,000 Event Host | \$500 Event Sponsor | \$350 Individual to Citizens for Kevin Bacon or The Committee to Elect Joe Uecker)

Sen. Matt Dolan (R-Chagrin Falls) and Sen. Jay Hottinger (R-Newark) fundraiser, Athletic Club of Columbus, Parlors A&B, 136 E. Broad St., Columbus, 5 p.m., (\$2,500 Event Chair | \$1,000 Event Host | \$500 Event Sponsor | \$350 Individual to Friends of Matt Dolan Or Citizens for Hottinger)

Sen. Matt Huffman (R-Lima) fundraiser, Athletic Club of Columbus, Gold Room, 136 E. Broad St., Columbus, 5 p.m., (\$2,500 Event Chair | \$1000 Event Host | \$500 Event Sponsor | \$350 Individual to Matt Huffman for Ohio)

Rep. Thomas West (D-Canton) fundraiser, Club 185, 185 E. Livingston Ave., Columbus, 5:30 p.m., (Sponsor levels: Sponsor \$1000, Host \$500, Friend \$350 to Team West)

Wednesday, October 11

Rep. Terry Johnson (R-McDermott) fundraiser, Oliver's, 26 N. High Street, Columbus, 11:30 a.m., (Chair: \$1,000; Host: \$500; Sponsor: \$350 to Terry Johnson for State Rep)

Rep. Steve Huffman (R-Tipp City) fundraiser, OHROC, 21 W. Broad Street, Floor 7, Columbus, 12 p.m., (Chair: \$1,000; Host: \$500; Sponsor: \$350 to Steve Huffman for State Rep)

Rep. Ron Young (R-Leroy Township) fundraiser, Athletic Club of Columbus - Parlor D, 136 E. Broad Street, Columbus, 5 p.m., (Chair: \$1,000; Host: \$500; Sponsor: \$350 Friends of Ron Young)

House Minority Leader Fred Strahorn (D-Dayton) fundraiser, Elevator Brewery and Draught Haus, 161 N. High St., Columbus, 5 p.m., (Sponsor levels: Sponsor: \$2,500, Host: \$1,000, Guest: \$500, Friend: \$350 to Committee to Elect Fred Strahorn)

Rep. Tim Ginter (R-Salem) fundraiser, Athletic Club of Columbus - Gold Room, 136 E. Broad Street, Columbus, 5 p.m., (Special Guest Former Speaker Bill Batchelder. Chair: \$1,000; Host: \$500; Sponsor: \$350 to Tim Ginter for State Representative)

Sen. Lou Terhar (R-Cincinnati) fundraiser, Fleming residence, 2374 Brixton Road, Columbus, 5:30 p.m., (\$2,500 Event Sponsor | \$1,000 Sponsor | \$500 Host | \$250 Couple | \$200 Individual to Friends of Lou Terhar)

Friday, October 13

OSBA Law & Media Conference, Ohio State Bar Association, 1700 Lake Shore Dr., Columbus, 9:30 a.m., (Registration at 8:30 a.m. For more information contact Halle Malcomb, hmalcomb@ohiobar.org)

Tuesday, October 17

Republican Senate Campaign Committee pig roast fundraiser, Land Grant Brewery, 424 W. Town St., Columbus, 5 p.m., (\$10,000 Whole Hog Sponsor | \$5,000 Half Hog Sponsor | \$2,500 Loin Sponsor | \$1000 Bacon Sponsor | \$500 per Attendee to RSCC)

Rep. Michael Sheehy (D-Oregon) fundraiser, Club 185, 185 E Livingston Ave, Columbus, 5:30 p.m., (Sponsor levels: Sponsor \$1,000, Host \$500, Friend \$350 to Committee to Elect Michael Sheehy)

Wednesday, October 18

Sen. Peggy Lehner (R-Kettering) fundraiser, Athletic Club of Columbus, Gold Room, 136 E. Broad St., Columbus, 7:30 a.m., (\$2500 Event Chair | \$1000 Event Host | \$500 Event Sponsor | \$350 Individual to Citizens for Lehner)

Sen. Sandra Williams (D-Cleveland) fundraiser, Einstein's, 41 S High Street, Columbus, 7:30 a.m., (Platinum Sponsor - \$1,000; Gold Sponsor - \$500 or Suggested Contribution - \$350 to Friends of Sandra Williams)

Rep. Steve Arndt (R-Port Clinton) fundraiser, deNOVO, 150 S. High Street, Columbus, 11:30 a.m., (Special Guest Rep. Ryan Smith. Chair: \$1,000; Host: \$500; Sponsor: \$350 to Friends for Steve Arndt)

Sen. Stephanie Kunze (R-Hilliard) fundraiser, Scioto Country Club, 2196 Riverside Dr., Columbus, 5:30 p.m., (Special Guest: Senate President Larry Obhof. Event Sponsor \$1000, Event Host \$500, \$150 per couple, \$100 per individual to Citizens for Stephanie Kunze)

Thursday, October 19

Sen. Bill Beagle (R-Tipp City) shooting fundraiser, Vandalia Range and Armory, 100 Corp Center Drive, Vandalia, 5:30 p.m., (Please make checks payable to Citizens for Bill Beagle)

Tuesday, October 24

Rep. Ryan Smith (R-Bidwell) fundraiser, Athletic Club of Columbus - Lounge, 136 E. Broad Street, Columbus, 5 p.m., (Chair: \$10,000; Sponsor: \$5,000; Host: \$2,500; Patron: \$1,000 to Friends of Ryan Smith)

Wednesday, October 25

Rep. Sarah LaTourette (R-Chesterland) and Rep. Theresa Gavarone (R-Bowling Green) fundraiser, Due Amici, 67 E. Gay Street, Columbus, 11:30 a.m., (Chair: \$1,000; Host: \$500; Sponsor: \$350 to LaTourette for Ohio and/or Citizens for Gavarone)

Tuesday, October 31

Rep. John Rogers (D-Mentor on the Lake) & Rep. John Patterson (D-Jefferson) fundraiser, Club 185, 185 E Livingston Ave, Columbus, 5:30 p.m., (Sponsor \$1,000, Host \$500, Friend \$350 to Friends of Rogers and Committee to Elect John Patterson)

Wednesday, November 1

Rep. Dave Greenspan (R-Westlake) fundraiser, Oliver's, 26 N. High Street, Columbus, 11:30 a.m., (Chair: \$1,000; Host: \$500; Sponsor: \$350 to Friends of Dave Greenspan)

Rep. Craig Riedel (R-Defiance) and Rep. Kristina Roegner (R-Hudson) fundraiser, Due Amici, 67 E. Gay Street, Columbus, 11:30 a.m., (Chair: \$1,000; Host: \$500; Sponsor: \$350 to Citizens to Elect Craig Riedel and/or Kristina Daley Roegner for Ohio)

Rep. Bill Seitz (R-Cincinnati) and Rep. Bill Blessing (R-Cincinnati) fundraiser, Athletic Club of Columbus - Parlor A/B, 136 E. Broad Street, Columbus, 5 p.m., (Chair: \$2,000; Sponsor: \$1,000; Host: \$500; Individual: \$350 to Seitz for Ohio and/or Citizens for Blessing)

Thursday, November 2

Rep. Steve Hambley (R-Medina) fundraiser, High & Low Winery, 588 Medina Road, Wadsworth, 6 p.m., (Special Guest President Larry Obhof. Chair: \$1,000; Host: \$500; Sponsor: \$350 to Hambley for House Committee)

Wednesday, November 8

Rep. Mike Duffey (R-Worthington) and Rep. Laura Lanese (R-Grove City) fundraiser, OHROC, 21 W. Broad Street, Floor 7, Columbus, 11:30 a.m., (Chair: \$1,000; Host: \$500; Sponsor: \$350 Citizens for Duffey and/or Lanese for Ohio)

Wednesday, November 29

Rep. Michele LePore-Hagan (D-Youngstown) fundraiser, Einstein Bros. Bagels, 41 S High Street, Columbus, 8 a.m., (Sponsor \$1,000, Host \$500, Friend \$350 to Michele Lepore-Hagan for State Representative)

Rep. Scott Lipps (R-Franklin) fundraiser, Due Amici, 67 E. Gay Street, Columbus, 11:30 a.m., (Special Guest Rep. Ryan Smith. Chair: \$1,000; Host: \$500; Sponsor: \$350 to Friends of Scott Lipps)

Ohio House Republican Organizing Committee fundraiser, Athletic Club of Columbus - Gold Room, 136 E. Broad Street, Columbus, 5 p.m., (Chair: \$2,500; Host: \$1,000; Sponsor: \$500 to OHROC)

Rep. Jim Butler (R-Oakwood) fundraiser, Athletic Club of Columbus - Parlor A/B, 136 E. Broad Street, Columbus, 5 p.m., (Chair: \$1,000; Host: \$500; Sponsor: \$350 to Butler for Ohio)

Thursday, November 30

Rep. Derek Merrin (R-Monclova Township) fundraiser, OHROC, 21 W. Broad Street, Floor 7, Columbus, 11:30 a.m., (Chair: \$1,000; Host: \$500; Sponsor: \$350 to Friends of Derek Merrin)

Tuesday, December 5

Rep. Gary Scherer (R-Circleville) fundraiser, Ringside, 19 N. Pearl Street, Columbus, 5 p.m., (Special Guest Rep. Ryan Smith. Chair: \$1,000; Host: \$500; Sponsor: \$350 to Friends of Gary Scherer)

Wednesday, December 6

Rep. Kirk Schuring (R-Canton) fundraiser, Athletic Club of Columbus - Parlor A/B, 136 E. Broad Street, Columbus, 5 p.m., (Chair: \$2,500; Host: \$1,000; Sponsor: \$500 to Citizens for Schuring Committee)

Wednesday, February 28

Ohio Cable Telecommunications Association Legislative Luncheon, Renaissance Hotel, 50 N. 3rd St., Columbus, 12 p.m.

Monday, June 4

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Legislative Committee Schedules beginning 9/25/2017

Tuesday, September 26

Senate Local Government, Public Safety & Veterans Affairs (Committee Record) (Chr. Uecker, J., 466-8082), South Hearing Rm., 9:45 a.m.

- SB 127** **WASTE COLLECTION VEHICLES** (LaRose, F.) To require motor vehicle operators to take certain actions upon approaching a stationary waste collection vehicle collecting refuse on a roadside. (3rd Hearing-All testimony)
- SB 148** **ACCIDENT REPORTS** (Kunze, S., Huffman, M.) To require an accident report to indicate whether any person involved in the accident wishes to be contacted for commercial solicitation purposes, to prohibit any person from using the information contained in an accident report for those purposes with regard to a person who did not agree to be contacted, and to allow a person to submit emergency contact information upon vehicle registration for inclusion in the next of kin database. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)
- SB 170** **COMMERCIAL DRIVER LICENSES** (LaRose, F.) To require the Director of Public Safety to seek approval from the United States Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration to implement a temporary pilot program regarding the waiver of the skills test for a commercial driver's license that applies to present and former military personnel. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)
- HB 8** **RECORDS EXEMPTION** (Hambley, S., Rezabek, J.) To exempt from the Public Records Law certain information concerning a minor that is included in a record related to a traffic accident involving a school vehicle in which the minor was an occupant at the time of the accident. (4th Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments)
- HB 60** **DRIVER'S LICENSES** (Hambley, S., Rogers, J.) To authorize the issuance of an enhanced driver's license, enhanced commercial driver's license, and enhanced identification card to facilitate land and sea border crossings between the United States and Canada and Mexico, pursuant to an agreement with the United States Department of Homeland Security. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)
- HB 95** **DISTRACTED DRIVING** (Hughes, J., Seitz, B.) To establish an enhanced penalty for committing a moving violation while distracted if the distraction is the apparent cause of the violation and to reenact provisions of law that specified that certain electronic wireless communications device violations were allied offenses of similar import. (3rd Hearing-All testimony)
- HB 125** **COURT JURISDICTIONS** (Craig, H., Seitz, B.) To specify the jurisdiction of municipal and county courts over municipal traffic ordinances and to establish requirements governing fines, fees, or other charges for traffic violations and infractions imposed by a municipal corporation that does not have the authority to establish a mayor's court. (3rd Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments)

Senate Judiciary (Committee Record) (Chr. Bacon, K., 466-8064), North Hearing Rm., 10:15 a.m.

- Confirmation hearing on governor's appointments of Paul Bailey and Carol Hamilton O'Brien, Ohio Organized Crime Investigations Commission

SB 158 **ELDER FRAUD** (Wilson, S.) To develop best practices and educational opportunities to combat elder fraud and exploitation and to fine and require full restitution from offenders who are found guilty of certain fraud-related crimes against the elderly. (3rd Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments & vote)

HB 94 **MONTH DESIGNATION** (Sykes, E., Perales, R.) To designate February as "Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month." (3rd Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments & vote)

HB 6 **CRIMINAL RECORDS** (Barnes, J.) To prohibit a person who publishes or disseminates criminal record information from soliciting or accepting a fee to remove, correct, modify, or refrain from publishing or otherwise disseminating the information and to provide criminal and civil remedies for a violation of the prohibition. (3rd Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments & vote)

SB 177 **QUALIFIED IMMUNITY** (Lehner, P.) To expand the circumstances in which qualified immunity from civil liability applies with respect to volunteer health care services provided to indigent and uninsured persons. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

SB 94 **DEATH PENALTY** (Brown, E.) To abolish the death penalty and to declare an emergency. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

SB 125 **CHILD SUPPORT** (Beagle, B.) To make changes to the laws governing child support. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)

Senate Finance (Committee Record) (Chr. Oelslager, S., 466-0626), Finance Hearing Rm., 2:30 p.m.

- Confirmation hearing on governor's appointments of Donald Ortner and Teresa Gardner, Lorain County Community College Board of Trustees; Drew Forhan, Bowling Green State University Board of Trustees; Dustin Parke and Jeremy Moyers, Financial Planning and Supervision Commission for Village of Mt. Sterling; John DeMarco, Cleveland State University Board of Trustees; Stephen Casciani, Ohio University Board of Trustees and William Nurczyk, Jr., Eastern Gateway Community College Board of Trustees

SB 135 **VOTING EQUIPMENT** (LaRose, F.) To make supplemental operating appropriations for the FY 2018-FY 2019 biennium and supplemental capital appropriations for the FY 2017-FY 2018 biennium to implement a voting machine and equipment acquisition program. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

HB 54 **REVENUE OBLIGATIONS** (Blessing, L., Gavarone, T.) To authorize the Treasurer of State to issue revenue obligations of the state for the purpose of making loans to qualifying public entities for their acquisition of permanent improvements through the Treasurer of State's purchase of public obligations of those qualifying entities. (4th Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments)

HB 132 **FANTASY CONTESTS** (Dever, J., McColley, R.) To grant the Ohio Casino Control Commission the authority to regulate fantasy contests and to exempt fantasy contests from the gambling laws. (3rd Hearing-All testimony)

Senate Health, Human Services & Medicaid (Committee Record) (Chr. Burke, D., 466-8049), South Hearing Rm., 3:15 p.m.

- Presentation from JMOC Director Susan Ackerman on Medicaid 1115 Waivers, Healthy Ohio, Healthy Indiana, and initiatives from other states

- HB 45** MONTH DESIGNATION (Sprague, R.) To designate May as "Neurofibromatosis Awareness Month." (1st Hearing-Sponsor)
- SB 126** CONVERSION THERAPY (Tavares, C.) To prohibit certain health care professionals from engaging in conversion therapy when treating minor patients. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)
- SB 71** AGENCY CONTRACTS (Manning, G.) To allow a board of alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health services to authorize its executive director to execute contracts valued at \$50,000 or less without the board's prior approval. (3rd Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments & vote)

Wednesday, September 27

Senate Ways & Means (Committee Record) (Chr. Eklund, J., 644-7718), South Hearing Rm., 9 a.m.

- HB 118** PROPERTY TAX COMPLAINTS (Merrin, D.) To expressly prohibit the dismissal of a property tax complaint for failure to correctly identify the property owner. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)
- SB 186** BUSINESS INCOME (Peterson, B.) To provide that wages and guaranteed payments paid by a professional employer organization to the owner of a pass-through entity that has contracted with the organization may be considered business income. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)
- SB 147** RURAL JOBS (Hite, C.) To enact the "Ohio Rural Jobs Act" which authorizes a nonrefundable tax credit for insurance companies that invest in rural business growth funds, which are certified to provide capital to rural and agricultural businesses. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)
- HB 69** TIF DISTRICTS (Cupp, R.) To require reimbursement of certain township fire and emergency medical service levy revenue forgone because of the creation of a municipal tax increment financing district. (3rd Hearing-All testimony)

Senate Government Oversight & Reform (Committee Record) (Chr. Coley, B., 466-8072), Finance Hearing Rm., 9:45 a.m.

- SB 139** LEGAL MATERIALS (Skindell, M., Eklund, J.) To adopt the Uniform Electronic Legal Material Act. (5th Hearing-All testimony-Possible vote)
- SB 144** DISABILITIES COUNCIL (Burke, D.) To abolish the Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities Commission, Consumer Advisory Committee, and Governor's Council on People with Disabilities and to establish a state rehabilitation services council known as the Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities Council. (4th Hearing-All testimony-Possible vote)
- HB 31** GOVERNMENT CONTRACTING (Cupp, R.) To abolish the Government Contracting Advisory Council. (3rd Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments & vote)
- SB 21** ELECTION PROCEDURES (Uecker, J.) To reduce the minimum number of precinct election officials in a precinct in which electronic pollbooks are used and to eliminate the requirement that a board of elections send a notice to a person's residence address when the board cancels the person's voter registration because it received a report of the person's death. (2nd Hearing-Proponent-Possible amendments)

HB 213 **REAL ESTATE APPRAISERS (Dever, J.)** To change the definition of "appraisal" for purposes of the Real Estate Appraiser Licensing Law, to make changes to certain procedures and the exceptions to licensure under that law, to regulate appraisal management companies, and to declare an emergency. (3rd Hearing-Opponent & interested party)

Senate Rules & Reference (Committee Record) (Chr. Obhof, L., 466-7505), Majority Conf. Rm., 11 a.m.

Senate Session (Committee Record) (Chr. Obhof, L., 466-4900), Senate Chamber, 1:30 p.m.

Senate Energy & Natural Resources (Committee Record) (Chr. Balderson, T., 466-8076), Finance Hearing Rm., 2:30 p.m. or after session

SB 51 **LAKE ERIE (Skindell, M., Eklund, J.)** To authorize the creation of a special improvement district to facilitate Lake Erie shoreline improvement. (4th Hearing-All testimony-Possible vote)

SCR 14 **OIL MARKETS (Hoagland, F.)** To urge the Congress of the United States and the President of the United States to take certain actions to counter manipulation of the oil market by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC). (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

SB 184 **WIND SETBACKS (Skindell, M.)** To alter the minimum setback requirement for wind farms of five or more megawatts. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

SB 188 **WIND TURBINE SETBACKS (Hite, C.)** To revise wind turbine setback provisions for economically significant wind farms. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

Senate Education (Committee Record) (Chr. Lehner, P., 466-4538), South Hearing Rm., 3:15 p.m.

- Confirmation hearing on governor's appointments of Stephanie Davidson, Ph.D. and John (Jack) Hershey, Midwestern Higher Education Compact Commission


SB 39 **SCHOOL OPERATIONS (Schiavoni, J.)** Regarding community school operator contracts, the operation of Internet- and computer-based community schools, and performance metrics for blended learning schools. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)

SB 105 **MONTH DESIGNATION (Tavares, C.)** To designate the month of October as "Ohio Principals Month." (2nd Hearing-All testimony-Possible vote)

HB 170 **COMPUTER SCIENCE (Carfagna, R., Duffey, M.)** With regard to academic content standards and curriculum requirements for computer science; to revise educator qualifications regarding computer science; and to authorize public schools to establish computer science and technology funds. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)

Monday, October 2

Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review (Committee Record) (Chr. Duffey, M., 644-6030), Rm. 121, 1:30 p.m.

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To: Rep80; Rep02; Rep13; Niraj Antani; Rep12; Rep41; Rep21; Rep94; Rep05; Rep90; Rep53; Rep25; Rep70; Rep76; Rep58; Rep47; Rep49

Subject: YES on HB193 - flu shots and pregnancy

Dear Honorable Representative,

I am writing to you today regarding HB193 and to ask for your support of this bill.

HB193 was passed out of the Economic Development, Commerce, and Labor Committee 8 to 5 in favor and has now been re-referred to Health Committee.

Something concerning has emerged in the recent news related to a new study funded by The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), which reveals that women who received a flu vaccine containing H1N1 two seasons in a row were at a 7.7 times increased risk of having a miscarriage within 28 days of receiving the vaccine. They state on their website:

<https://www.cdc.gov/flu/professionals/vaccination/vaccination-possible-safety-signal.html>

"A CDC-funded study found that women vaccinated early in pregnancy with a flu vaccine containing the pandemic H1N1 (H1N1pdm09) component and who also had been vaccinated the prior season with a H1N1pdm09-containing flu vaccine had an increased risk of spontaneous abortion (miscarriage) in the 28 days after vaccination." They go on to say that "this study does not quantify the risk of miscarriage and does not prove that flu vaccine was the cause of the miscarriage". But they also say that "there is an ongoing investigation to study this issue further among women who were pregnant and eligible to receive flu vaccine during the 2012-13 through 2014-15 flu seasons."

This is very concerning considering the science is not settled on this matter and yet we have hospitals mandating annual flu vaccinations to employed pregnant women which contain H1N1 flu strains. During opposition testimony to HB193, Economic Development, Commerce and Labor Committee, on June 20, 2017, Dr. Sherman Alter of Dayton Children's Hospital revealed that he had personally convinced 5 pregnant women at his hospital to accept the flu vaccine despite the recommendation of their own OB/GYN NOT to get the vaccine. His testimony can be found here and this particular statement begins around the 18 minute mark, I encourage you to listen: <https://youtu.be/aJONOL2Zpww>

Even the CDC recommends, "health care decisions should be part of an ongoing discussion between provider and patient. CDC recommends that any pregnant woman who has questions about vaccines talk to her health care provider. Providers

should use their clinical judgement based on various factors including their patient's health status, local influenza activity, and the benefits versus the potential risks from flu vaccination when deciding whether and/or when to immunize their patient against influenza".

Do workplace mandates fit into this recommendation? How does Dr. Alter's confession violate the doctor/patient relationship? He is not the employee's physician nor does he know their individual health status the way their own physician would. Ohio workers, and especially pregnant women, need protection from workplace mandates. An individual should always have the authority to decline medical risk taking whether it be for medical or reasons of conscience, including religious.

I appreciate your time and attention on this very sensitive and urgent matter and look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Michelle Cotterman, RN
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From: Michael Pao

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Hi Sarah,

I wanted to give you a heads up on a study we're releasing - I thought your administration might be interested.

I'm Michael Pao, co-founder of Trove Technologies, Inc. - we're a site that makes moving and storage simple. We analyzed occupation-specific salary figures, tax data, and costs of living across cities and states to create the first annual Trove Discretionary Income Study. We've gone way beyond your typical "cost-of-living" calculator by ranking cities and states for discretionary income, and just [released the rankings for Ohio](#). Ohio came in as the third-ranked state in America and placed three cities in the top 10 nationwide, driven by housing costs 30%+ below the national average.

You can see Ohio's full results [here](#).

The rankings are based on data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), The Tax Foundation, and The Council For Community and Economic Research.

I've included a bunch of additional info below - let me know if you think this information might be interesting for your constituents?

Best,

Michael
Co-founder, Trove Technologies, Inc.
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New study reveals Ohio 3rd highest discretionary income in United States

Columbus, Cleveland, and Cincinnati rank in top 10 cities nationwide, benefit from low housing expenses

San Francisco, CA -- September 26, 2017 -- Trove Technologies, Inc. has released the first annual Trove Discretionary Income Study showing that the state of Ohio ranks #3 among all states for discretionary income, while the cities of Columbus, Cleveland, and Cincinnati all rank among the top 10 major cities nationwide. The Trove Discretionary Income Study is the first of its kind to incorporate data that reflect regional differences in salaries, cost of living, and taxes to most accurately reveal the take home pay of American workers across 778 occupations. While there are many "cost-of-living" calculators that highlight general income differences across cities, there are no others that take into account the effect of taxes on the cost of living or identify the significant differences by occupation.

"Ohio ranks in the top echelon of states when it comes to enabling workers to keep more of what they earn," said Michael Pao, co-founder of Trove Technologies, Inc. "Our research finds that housing is substantially more affordable in Ohio than the rest of the country, with expenses coming in at over 39% lower than the national average."

Some of the major findings for Ohio include the following:

- Ohio ranks #3 out of all states nationally for discretionary income.
- Salaries across all occupations in Ohio are 3.0% lower than the national average, while housing expenses are 39.3% lower.
- Ohio ranks highly among states for these professions: Education, Training, and Library (rank #1), Sales and Related (#3), and Building and Grounds Cleaning and Maintenance (#4).
- Ohio also ranks #6 among states nationally for occupations with salaries in the bottom quintile (lower-paying jobs), but only #13 for occupations with salaries in the top quintile (higher-paying jobs). This is due to lower than average salaries for higher-paying jobs.

- Ohio placed three cities in the top 10 major cities nationally, while Dayton topped the list of small cities in Ohio. The top states and cities across the US for discretionary income are:

States	US Major Cities	Ohio Small Cities
1. <u>Michigan</u>	1. <u>Austin, TX</u>	1. <u>Dayton, OH</u>
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9. <u>Missouri</u>	9. <u>Cleveland, OH</u>	
10. <u>Nevada</u>	10. <u>Seattle, WA</u>	

Methodology

The data underlying this analysis is from the Bureau of Labor Statistics, The Tax Foundation, and The Council For Community and Economic Research. Using a proprietary algorithm, Trove developed the tool and map. The full methodology is outlined [here](#).

What is Trove Technologies?

Trove is a technology company that helps customers pack, move and store personal and household items, as well as maximize excess inventory of small, locally based moving companies. Trove provides best-in-class service including packing, inventory, moving and storage, as well as a web-based catalog of a customer's items.

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YES to HB193

Message :

Dear Honorable Representative La Tourette,

As a 25-year experienced Ohio pharmacist, I urge you to vote YES on HB193 to prohibit employers from penalizing and/or firing those employees who wish to decline an invasive medical procedure, a flu shot.

Due to over-reaching federal involvement in healthcare, Ohio hospitals have incorporated unreasonable ultimatums by refusing employees' own personal physician exemptions, withholding equal pay from dedicated, hard-working Ohioans and discriminating against those of minority religious beliefs. Employers have unjustly stolen their employees' medical power of attorney rights and are denying their employees' rights to informed medical consent.

Please help stop these unjust labor practices and protect our state's citizens by voting YES on HB193. An individual's civil liberties and bodily autonomy are at stake!

Thank you for your time and attention.

Respectfully,
Tina M. Wise, BS, RPh

From: Immunization Advocacy Network of Ohio (IANO)

Sent: Wednesday, September 27, 2017 9:06 AM

To: Rep76

Subject: IANO - Flu Season Approaching

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September 27, 2017

Flu season is approaching - education is the key to prevention.

It's almost time for seasonal influenza, or the flu. A yearly flu vaccine is the first and most important step in protecting against flu viruses. Everyone 6 months or older should get an annual flu vaccine by the end of October, if possible, or as soon as possible after October.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Ohio Department of Health have information and tool kits available to help share important information about influenza. The CDC kit contains a large variety of social media posts, newsletter samples, and collateral material and is available for no charge. The materials should be used to help educate your constituents, patients and clients about the steps they should take to protect them and their loved ones. [Click here to access the CDC Influenza Toolkit for the 2017-1018 flu season.](#)

FLU VACCINE

Protects You And
Your Family

Flu Can Be Serious

The flu is a contagious respiratory illness caused by influenza viruses that infect the nose, throat, and lungs. It can cause mild to severe illness and, at times, can lead to death.

Every flu season is different, and the flu can affect people differently. Every flu season millions of people get the flu, hundreds of thousands of people are hospitalized and thousands or tens of thousands of people die from flu-related causes.

Flu Vaccine Is The Best Protection

Everyone 6 months and older should get a flu vaccine each year. Flu vaccines...





Ohio Department of Health helps to Fight the Flu

The Ohio Department of Health's website also provides a variety of useful educational material about the flu, including symptoms to watch for and who should be vaccinated.

Older Adults Need a Yearly Flu Shot!

While flu seasons can differ in severity, during most seasons, adults 65 years and older bear the greatest burden of severe flu disease, making it especially important for older adults to get an annual flu shot. In recent years it is estimated that between 71% and 85% of seasonal flu-related deaths have occurred among people 65 years and older, and between 54% and 70% of seasonal flu-related hospitalizations have occurred among people in that age group.

While flu vaccine can vary in how well it works, during seasons when flu vaccines are well-matched to circulating flu viruses, getting vaccinated has been shown to reduce the risk of getting sick by 40% to 60%. Other studies (for example) show that flu vaccines also protect similarly against hospitalization. A yearly flu vaccine is the best way to prevent flu illness.

You have the power to fight flu this season. Protect yourself and the ones you love with a flu vaccine. Learn more here: <http://www.odh.ohio.gov/seasflu/seasonalinfluenza.aspx/>.



Is your college student protected?

Right about now your college student is just getting settled into school.

Infectious diseases such as the flu and meningococcal disease tend to spread in close quarters such as college dorms.

The CDC recommends that college students get a flu shot and be protected from the serogroup B meningococcal, or Meningitis B. College students are identified to be at increased risk because of Meningitis B outbreaks on college campuses. Over 50 percent of meningitis cases identified on college campuses are Meningitis B. Vaccines are widely available at most college student health centers, local retail pharmacies, healthcare providers and local board of health. Make sure your child is protected.

In Case You Missed It...

below are an editorial and letter-to-the-Editor that recently appeared in the Columbus Dispatch regarding House Bill 193.

The Columbus Dispatch

Editorial: New bill is bad medicine

Tuesday, September 29, 2107

Ohio House Speaker Cliff Rosenberger showed common sense by putting the brakes on a bill to bar Ohio employers from requiring employees to be vaccinated against the flu. The bill was opposed by every major health-care association in Ohio, along with the Ohio Chamber of Commerce.

House Bill 193, sponsored by Republican Rep. Christina Hagan of Alliance, "needs work," Rosenberger said.

That's an understatement; this bill should be shelved permanently.

While they're at it, lawmakers should change the statute that allows parents to send their children to public schools without the standard required vaccines if they register a philosophical objection. They put at risk of death or permanent disabilities not only their own child, but others in the community who can't be immunized, because they are infants or they have medical conditions, such as cancers.

The anti-flu-vaccine bill is another example of a pernicious and ill-informed movement that, unencumbered by facts,

zealously continues to cite debunked "studies" and argue that vaccines aren't safe. These vaccines are safe, as proven by decades of medical research.

And they're especially essential in health-care settings, to prevent the spread of diseases that could threaten the health of already-compromised patients. That's why virtually all health-care employers require employees to be vaccinated against communicable disease. This protect patients, as well as employees. Those unwilling to be vaccinated certainly have that right (even if they're wrongheaded). But they disqualify themselves from working around sick people.

Flu vaccines aren't perfect; researchers must make an educated guess each year about which of many flu viruses will be most common and devise a vaccine accordingly. Sometimes they miss the target. That's no reason, however, not to take advantage of the best possible precaution.

Dr. Steve Allen, CEO of Nationwide Children's Hospital, told lawmakers that influenza is the leading cause of vaccine-preventable deaths in the nation. (A recent study in the journal Pediatrics showed that flu vaccination significantly decreases a child's risk of dying from influenza.)

State law should protect Ohioans, not put them at risk. This flu bill gives us chills. Kill it.

Dispatch Editorial Board

<http://www.dispatch.com/opinion/20170919/editorial-new-bill-is-bad-medicine>

Letter-to-the-Editor: Flu shots keep Ohioans safe
Monday, September 11, 2017

Our Ohio House Economic Development, Commerce, and Labor Committee is considering a bill that would prevent hospitals and doctors' offices from requiring their employees to receive the flu shot each year. Its primary sponsor is Rep. Christina Hagan, R-Alliance.

On the surface, it sounds good: "freedom for employees to say 'no' to the flu shot." However, this bill could be deadly.

The flu shot is vital for keeping hospitalized patients safe. Patients go to the hospital and their doctor's office expecting to get better, not sicker. Influenza is a deadly virus and kills hundreds of Americans every year. It is especially dangerous for the elderly and the very young. As a pediatric resident doctor, I take care of children with the flu every fall and winter. Flu killed 104 children across the country last year; five of those children were in Ohio. The last place children should expect to catch the flu is in the hospital.

It's not just me who opposes this bill. It is opposed by the Ohio Hospital Association, Ohio Children's Hospital Association, Ohio State Medical Association, American Academy of Pediatrics and the Ohio Chamber of Commerce. This bill is anti-business and anti-children.

The right of an employee to say "no" to a flu shot does not trump the right of hospitalized Ohioans to be protected from disease. Let's keep our children, family members and friends safe from influenza. I urge the members of the Ohio House Economic Development, Commerce and Labor Committee to vote "no" on HB 193.

*Dr. Sean Gallagher
Columbus*

<http://www.dispatch.com/opinion/20170911/letter-flu-shots-keep-ohioans-safe>

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WHEN: Wednesday, November 15, 2017

TIME: 7:30am - 12:30pm (Half-day)

WHERE: Courtyard by Marriott,
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Springfield, OH 45502

COST: \$75 (non-physician), \$85 (physician)

For more information, contact

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7:30-8:15am Exhibits, Registration & Breakfast

8:15-8:30am Opening Remarks: Cindy Modie, M.Ed., RN
8:30-9:00am Sarah Duade, MPH: *"How Opted Out Are We?"*
9:00-9:30am Yamini Teegala, MD: *"A Local Providers Perspective"*
9:30-10:00am Break & Exhibits
10:00-11:00am Sherman Alter, MD: *"Vaccines on the Horizon"*
11:00-12:15pm Charles King, MD: *"Winged Threats"*
12:15-12:30pm Closing, Evaluations, Certificates

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Ohio Upshot

Ohio Upshot is a newsletter to help educate policy makers, community leaders and the public on the valuable role vaccines play in keeping our schools, workplaces and communities healthy. It is sent to you by the Immunization Advocacy Network of Ohio, a network of public health advocates, medical associations, education groups, community organizations and others committed to a healthy Ohio.

For information about the Immunization Advocacy Network of Ohio, to suggest content for future issues, or if you know of an organization that wishes to join IANO, please contact Jenny Camper at jcamper@lesiccamper.com.

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Brian Kilmeade
Co-Host of *Fox & Friends*

Friday, November 3, 2017 at 7:30 PM
Mansfield's Renaissance Theatre
138 Park Avenue West, Mansfield, Ohio

Good morning,

I am pleased to invite you to attend the Second Peter W. Schramm Memorial Lecture with bestselling author **Brian Kilmeade** on Friday, November 3.

Kilmeade is co-host of the popular *Fox & Friends* morning program and host of the nationally syndicated radio program, *The Brian Kilmeade Show*.

Kilmeade will make history come alive with his telling of riveting true stories from our American history as he speaks about his new book, *Andrew Jackson and the Miracle of New Orleans*. He will discuss the development of Jackson's character and bring you to the scene of one of the most pivotal battles in our nation's history.

To purchase tickets please contact Carrie Clever at the Ashbrook Center at 419-289-5411 or cclever@ashbrook.org. Tickets for general seating in the Renaissance Theatre are available for \$20 each. A book signing will follow.

We are grateful to Samuel H. and Maria Miller and WMAN Radio for their generous support of the Peter W. Schramm Memorial Lecture.

Additional sponsorship opportunities are available and include a limited tickets for reserved seating as well a private reception and photo-op with Kilmeade before the evening's keynote address.

I hope to see you in Mansfield!

Warmest regards,

Roger Beckett
Executive Director

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From: Rossman, Brent
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Good morning everyone,

Since I started in the House, I've had the Ashbrook Center's pocket Constitution and Declaration perched upon my desk. It's a neat little booklet that also contains Lincoln's Second Inaugural, the Gettysburg Address, and excerpts from some of Thomas Jefferson's letters. I've turned to it many times for inspiration, and occasionally, for work purposes. I carried this same pocket constitution while I was in college, when I was just beginning to understand the depth of meaning contained in our Founding documents.

Now, I am excited to carry this same little booklet back to the Ashbrook Center to embark on a new chapter in my career. With it, I carry back a deeper understanding of the legislative process, and great experiences in politics. It still astounds me that we all have had the opportunity to help make law and improve the lives of 11.5 million people. I'm incredibly grateful for the opportunity to serve the people of Ohio. These experiences will all help me with my new mission of cultivating good civics education in our country through the use of primary source documents.

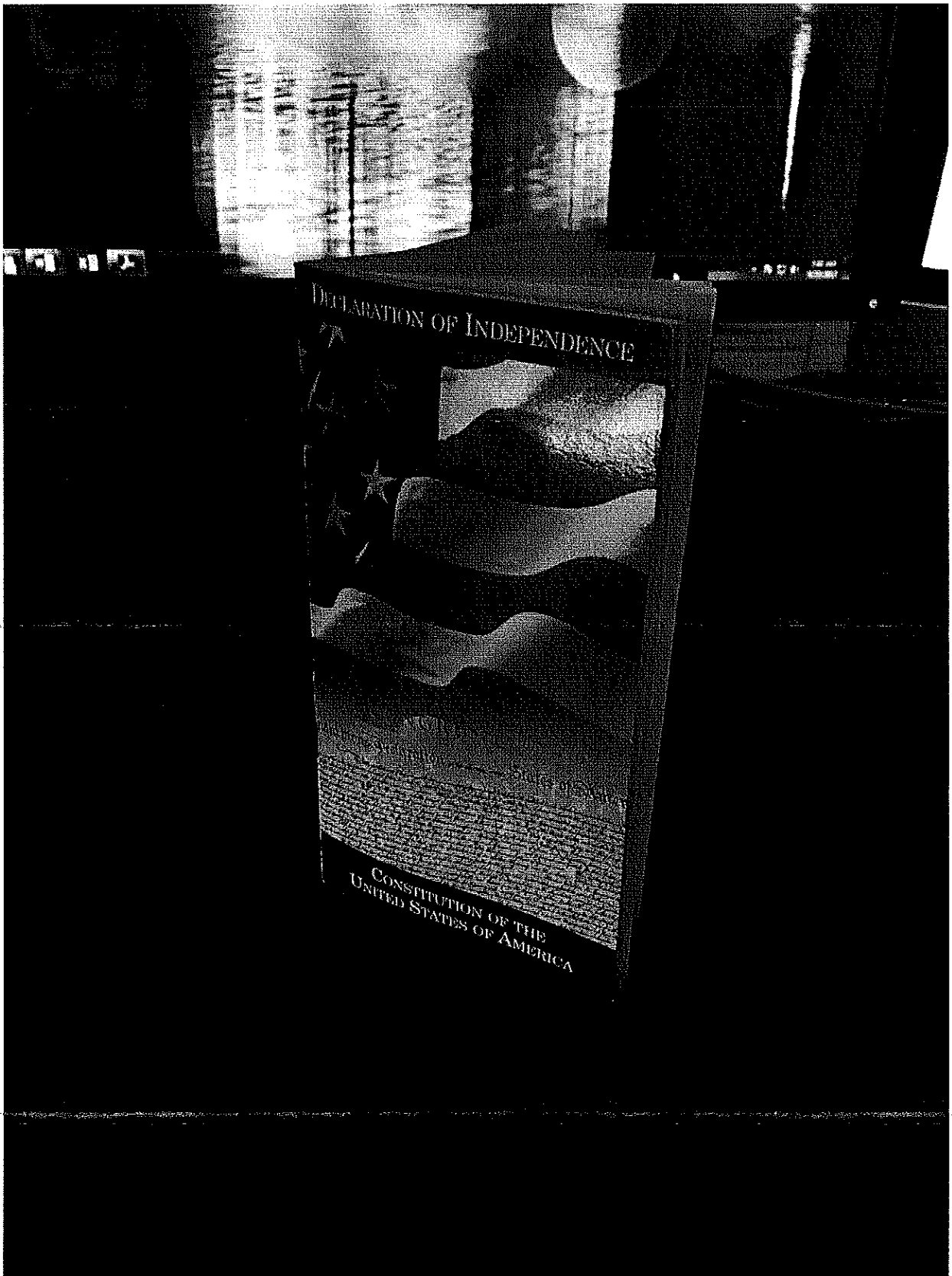
Better yet, I'll also carry with this little booklet memories and friendships that will last a lifetime. I'll miss the House, but I won't be far away. Feel free to stay in touch. My cell is 419-561-0073 and my personal email is brossman4913@gmail.com

Sincerely,

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Sarah LaTourette,

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House Bill 298 takes language straight from Senate Bill 5 dealing with sick time and tries to pass it as a standalone. Senate Bill 5/ Issue 2 was soundly defeated in 2011 by Ohioans who believe that collective bargaining shouldn't be restricted by politicians in Columbus.

I am making sure that your constituents know the truth- that this is just the first step in trying to limit what we can collectively bargain for. Today, it's about sick time; tomorrow it's about how we collectively bargain over pay, safety in the workplace and the how we grieve unfair working conditions. Please help me fight back against attempts to silence my voice at the workplace by opposing House Bill 298.

We didn't send you to Columbus to limit our voice at the workplace. We elected you to stand up and speak for us, create good jobs in your district and raise everyone's wages. Please tell Representative Merrin that you are not interested in making it harder for your constituents to collectively bargain for a better life and that you are opposed to House Bill 298.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter. I look forward to hearing your position on this terrible legislation. Have a great day.

I HAVE NEVER ABUSED THIS BENEFIT. IT HAS HELPED ME GREATLY WHEN MY HUSBAND HAS BEEN ILL & I HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO TAKE DAYS TO TAKE HIM TO THE DOCTOR'S OFFICE. PLEASE HELP US KEEP THESE BENEFITS. WE MAKE BETTER EMPLOYEES BECAUSE WE ARE PROUD OF THE JOBS WE DO & HAVE THE BENEFITS THAT WE DO HAVE. THANK YOU. SHARON O'DONNELL

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Unions are what made our middle class the envy of the world. We all need to support the efforts of unions for the middle class and you especially so.

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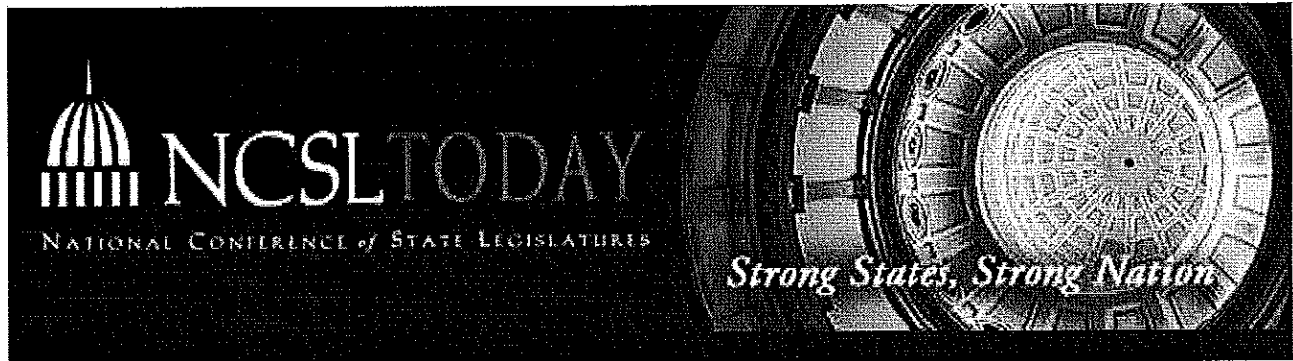
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Russian hacking fuels return to paper ballots

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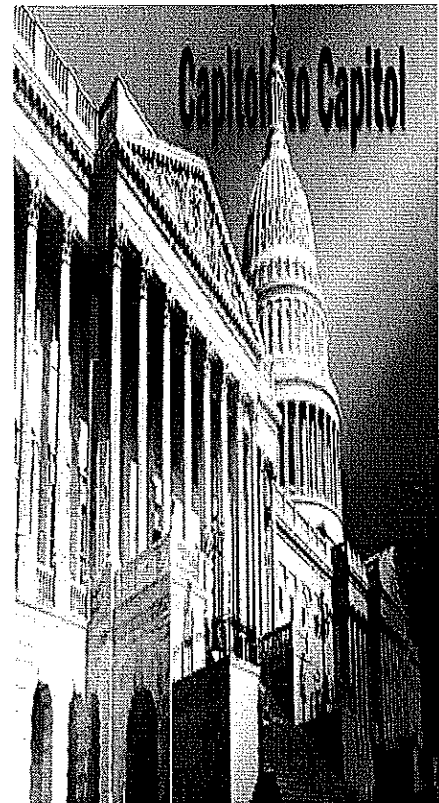
After Russian hackers targeted state voting systems last year, some officials are renewing their focus on switching to paper ballots, which they say are more secure and leave an audit trail. **NCSL consultant Katy Owens Hubler** quoted.

Mass shooting rekindles gun debate

The Hill

The national debate over gun violence was rekindled Monday after a gunman in Las Vegas opened fire on an outdoor concert crowd, killing at least 59 and wounding or injuring more than 500 others.

Government jobs sprouting as legal pot looms in California



Associated Press

The state is on a hiring binge to fill what eventually will be hundreds of new government positions by 2019 intended to bring order to the legal pot economy, from keeping watch on what's seeping into streams near cannabis grows to running background checks on storefront sellers who want government licenses.

Arkansas spending for Medicaid rises

Arkansas Online

Driven by enrollment that surged past expectations, spending on Arkansas' expanded Medicaid program grew by almost 24 percent during the fiscal year that ended June 30, surpassing what state officials initially projected by about \$200 about million.

Stagnant farm economy slows growth in Iowa, Nebraska

The Des Moines Register

A stagnant farm economy that has slowed Nebraska and Iowa's income growth to the lowest levels in the nation is also contributing to state budget problems that could linger through next year, officials said.

How hurricane responders track people whose lives depend on power

Stateline

For people who rely on electricity-dependent machines to maintain their health, power outages are more than a frustration. State and local emergency managers are using data to keep them safe.

Capitol to Capitol: Congress shifts to tax reform

On Sept. 27, President Donald Trump and the "Big Six"— which includes Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.), Speaker Paul Ryan (R-Wis.), Senate Finance Chairman Orrin Hatch (R-Utah), House Ways and Means Chairman Kevin Brady (R-Texas), Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin and National Economic Council Director Gary Cohn — released their "unified framework" for overhauling the U.S. tax code.



Allowing purchases of out-of-state health insurance

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Financing clean energy projects through property assessments



Supreme Court to hear public sector union dues case (again)

In 2016 the U.S. Supreme Court was expected to overrule a nearly 40-year old precedent requiring public sector employees who don't join the union to pay their "fair share" of collective bargaining costs.



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Our friends at Americans for Prosperity are hosting an event at The Heartland Institute on Wednesday, October 4. I hope you can watch it live!

--Nikki



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But there is hope for tax relief this year!

Congress is making comprehensive tax reform a major legislative priority. I'd like to personally invite you to join AFP Illinois on Wednesday, October 4, for a lunchtime tax reform panel discussion featuring two former members of Congress who have excellent credentials: Joe Walsh (R-IL), who has a lifetime AFP score of 100%, and Tim Huelskamp (R-KS), who has a lifetime AFP score of 98%.

WATCH LIVE!

This is an exciting opportunity to learn more about AFP's positive vision to

unrig the American economy and Congress's once-in-a-generation opportunity to pass pro-growth tax reform.

WHAT: *AFP-Illinois presents:* A tax reform panel discussion with former congressman and Heartland Institute President Tim Huelskamp and former congressman and current talk show host Joe Walsh.

WHERE: The Heartland Institute, 3939 North Wilke Road, Arlington Heights, IL 60004.

WHEN: Wednesday, October 4, 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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The session was on the current state of the workers' compensation system or "Grand Bargain," specifically whether it is working or needs revisiting and what the future holds for the 100-year-old system. The panel was moderated by WCRI's President and CEO John Ruser and included the following:

- David Michaels, former Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health
- Bruce Wood of the American Insurance Association
- Emily Spieler, professor at Northeastern University

- Dr. David Deitz, former medical director for one of the largest workers' compensation insurers

We invite you to watch this session, which received rave reviews. Please know the video is close to an hour long.



This distinguished panel is an example of the type of sessions, topics, and thought leaders you will find at our annual conference. The benefits for you are new insights, valuable networking contacts, and a better understanding of key issues in today's competitive environment.

Please save the date for next year's **WCRI Annual Issues & Research Conference (March 22 and 23, 2018, in Boston, MA)**. We will notify you when registration opens.

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Special Invitation: 2017 Emerging Issues Forum

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The Heartland Institute would like to invite you to its 2017 Emerging Issues Forum and America First Energy Conference, which will be held November 7-9 at the J.W. Marriott Hotel in Houston, Texas.

The Emerging Issues Forum (EIF) will look to the future and explore state public policies in the areas of economics, education, health care, and more. Immediately following EIF, Heartland will host the America First Energy Conference. This event will examine

President Donald Trump's bold proposal to transform the United States' energy goals beyond mere energy independence and determine where America stands today in the global energy market.

During these two conferences, elected officials, policy analysts, and government affairs professionals from more than 25 states will convene in Texas to explore innovative solutions to the top policy issues facing the states in 2018 and beyond.

Admission is free for elected officials and legislative staff. Registration includes admission to the forum and conference. The Heartland Institute also has a limited number of travel scholarships and complimentary accommodations at the host hotel still available for state lawmakers who become members of Heartland's Legislative Forum. If you are not currently a member of the Legislative Forum, membership is only \$99 for two years and \$179 for a lifetime - it pays for itself!

Below is just a small sample of what will be covered at the events:



Health Care. There are many steps states can take to encourage competition and reduce the cost of health care, despite federal inaction on Obamacare. Solutions that will be discussed include how states can use the waiver process to get more flexibility from federal Obamacare and Medicaid requirements. The panel will also discuss certificate of need laws, dental health care, and direct primary care.

Budget and Tax. In recent months and years, some states have been passing right-to-work laws, lowering taxes, and reforming their public pension systems, while others have been increasing taxes and adding regulations. This panel will discuss which policies are working and which are failing.

Education. Education outcomes in America continue to lag compared to other industrialized nations, but educational choice options such as education savings accounts and charter schools continue to expand in many states. This panel will analyze the roadblocks to transforming education and offer solutions for how states can expand education freedom for parents everywhere.

To reserve your place at the events or to join the Legislative Forum, contact Government Relations Coordinator Arianna Wilkerson at 312/377-4000 or by email at awilkerson@heartland.org.
See you in November!

WHAT WE'RE WORKING ON

Health Care

Research & Commentary: Dental Therapy Would Help with Michigan's Dentist Shortage

In this *Research & Commentary*, Senior Policy Analyst Matthew Glans examines a new proposal offered in Michigan to improve access to dental care by expanding the role of dental therapists. "Allowing dental therapists to practice in more states would help to close gaps in dental care access and ensure patients receive preventive and restorative treatments when and where they need them," wrote Glans.

Budget & Tax

WI State Rep. Rob Hutton: Prevailing Wage Repeal Protects Local and State Taxpayers

In this episode of the weekly *Budget & Tax News Podcast*, Managing Editor and Research Fellow Jesse Hathaway speaks with Wisconsin state Rep. Rob Hutton (R-Brookfield) about how Wisconsin lawmakers are protecting local and state taxpayers' money by including prevailing-wage repeal in the state's biennial budget bill. "Prevailing-wage laws require government agencies to regulate the compensation given to workers on government capital projects, such as school construction and road repair, Hutton says, instead of allowing businesses to set their own pay rates according to true market value."

Education



Research & Commentary: Strike Vouchers Would Help Keep Vermont Children in Classrooms During Teacher Walkouts

In this *Research & Commentary*, Tim Benson, a Heartland policy analyst, and Lennie Jarratt, project manager for Heartland's Center for Transforming Education, discuss a recent four-day strike by teachers in Burlington, Vermont. Benson and Jarratt argue their plan to implement strike vouchers and SOS accounts would help keep kids in the classroom during strikes and free as many families as possible from the constant tug-of-war occurring between teachers unions and school districts.

Energy & Environment

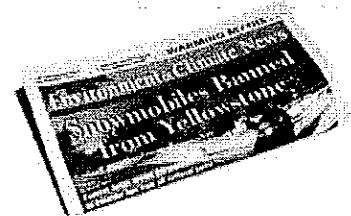
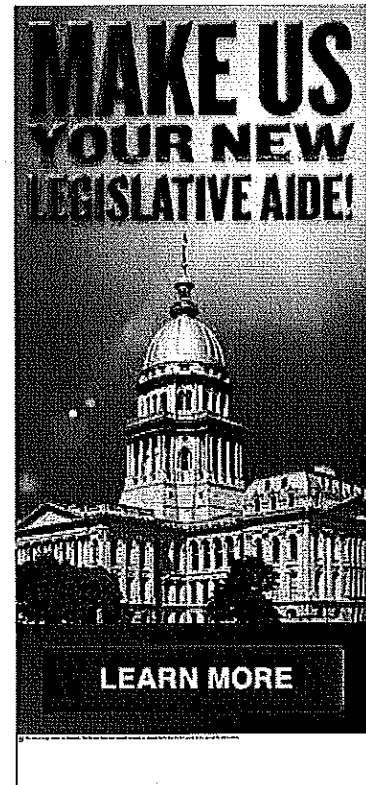
President Streamlines Infrastructure Construction

This story from *Environment & Climate News* discusses President Donald Trump's sweeping executive order that eliminates and streamlines some permitting regulations. By improving these processes, the construction of critical infrastructure - such as roads, bridges, and pipelines - will be sped up. The order establishes a "one federal decision policy," under which a single lead federal agency will work with others to complete environmental reviews and permitting decisions. All federal permitting decisions will have to be made within 90 days. The plan also rolls back standards set by President Barack Obama that had required the federal government when building infrastructure projects to assume in its plans there will be climate change and sea-level rise in the future.

From Our Free-Market Friends

Bold New Approaches Needed for Louisiana

Daniel Erspamer, CEO of the Pelican Institute for Public Policy, recently wrote in *The Advocate* about the unemployment and income growth problems facing Louisianans and the pro-growth solutions that can solve them. Louisiana is one of four states that experienced a decline in median household income from 2015 to 2016, and it has one of the highest unemployment rates in the country. Erspamer calls for a transformation of the state's government, which continues to overspend, overtax, and overregulate. Pro-growth solutions include eliminating burdensome red tape, expanding education choice, and reforming the state's judicial system.



The October 2017 issue of *Environment & Climate News* reports about the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia ruling the Environmental Protection Agency exceeded its authority under the Clean Air Act. In a 2015 rule, EPA banned a number of hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs) and required companies to replace them with "greener" substances in their products. HFC manufacturers successfully argued in court

the EPA could not lawfully
implement such ban.

Budget & Tax News

Health Care News

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Sent: Thursday, October 5, 2017 4:43 PM

Subject: Opposition to OVEC HB 239



APEX Energy Group, LLC

CAITHNESS ENERGY

October 5, 2017

We, Apex Power Group and Caithness Energy, are the developers of Guernsey Power Station (GPS) and are writing today to express our strong opposition to House Bill 239, the "OVEC" legislation, and any other potential efforts to bail-out aging, non-competitive nuclear and coal plants by increasing rates for Ohio electric customers.

We also strongly oppose any efforts to return Ohio to a regulated market. Deregulation is driving economic development across the state and saving consumers billions of dollars through competitive pricing.

GPS is a proposed 1650 MW natural gas fired energy generation facility to be located in Guernsey County, Valley Township, Ohio. It's a 1.4 billion project that is eagerly anticipated by the surrounding community and region hurting for economic development.

Our economic impact study anticipates that during the construction phase, our project will generate:

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You can learn more about the plant and our state-of-the-art technology at www.GuernseyPowerStation.com.

GPS is one of 10 projects of its kind in operation, approved/under construction or development across the state, with potentially more to come. It's not hard to imagine the economic loss that will result if Ohio reverses course on energy policy.

You may be familiar with a November 2016 study showing that between 2011 and 2015, Ohio consumers had saved approximately \$15 billion on their energy costs because of deregulation. It also predicts that Ohioans will save another \$14.8 billion over the next five years (2016-2020).

Re-regulation simply doesn't make sense. Energy technology is changing, becoming more efficient. Consumers are demanding greater choice in how their energy is produced and who they buy it from. Natural-gas fired plants like Guernsey Power Station are cleaner, better for the environment, and can produce more energy using less fuel.

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WE URGE YOU TO VOTE NO ON HOUSE BILL 239

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Sincerely,

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President, Apex Power Group, LLC

Authorized Representative, Guernsey Power Station LLC

From: Rep76
Sent: Friday, October 6, 2017 10:08 AM
To: 'Mary King'
Subject: RE: Opposition to OVEC HB 239

Dear Mary,

Thank you for reaching out to me regarding the proposed House Bill 239. I appreciate the feedback you have provided on this bill and I will keep your comments in mind in the event that the bill comes before the full House for a vote.

The following is a link to the legislation's respective webpages on the Legislature's website in case you would like to check on the status of the bill:

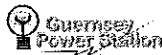
<https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id= DGA132-HB-239>

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any future state legislative concerns.

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Bills for Third Consideration

Am. H. B. No. 226 – Representatives Seitz, Sweeney

Cosponsors: Representatives Dean, Becker, Thompson, Goodman, Stein, Reineke, Blessing, Koehler

To amend sections 1705.48, 3737.51, 3737.71, 3737.99, 3743.04, 3743.17, 3743.44, 3743.45, 3743.60, 3743.61, 3743.63, 3743.65, 3743.75, 3743.99, 5703.052, 5703.053, 5703.19, 5703.70, and 5703.77 and to enact sections 3737.04, 3737.05, 3737.06, 3737.07, 3737.08, 3737.09, 3737.10, 3737.11, 3737.12, 3743.46, 3743.47, 3743.591, and 3743.67 of the Revised Code to establish a fireworks study group to review and make recommendations regarding the Fireworks Law, to extend to July 1, 2020, the moratorium on issuing fireworks manufacturer and wholesaler licenses, to eliminate, beginning January 1, 2021, the moratorium on geographic transfer of fireworks manufacturer and wholesaler licenses, and, beginning January 1, 2021, to impose a fee on the retail sale of consumer grade fireworks in this state and to expand the ability of individuals to obtain 1.3G display fireworks and obtain and use 1.4G consumer fireworks.

(Committee on Government Accountability and Oversight recommends amended bill for passage, see House Journal, September 13, 2017, p. 1028.)

H. B. No. 79 – Representatives Retherford, Hagan

Cosponsors: Representatives Hambley, Seitz, Dean, Thompson, Brenner, Faber, Becker, Vitale, Brinkman, Koehler, Riedel, Goodman, Antani, Stein, Hood, Schaffer, Blessing, Roegner, Merrin

To amend sections 109.71, 109.73, 109.75, 109.79, 109.801, and 2923.126 and to enact sections 109.748 and 109.771 of the Revised Code to provide for firearms training for tactical medical professionals; to permit such a professional who has received that training and has been authorized by the law enforcement agency to carry firearms while on duty; and to grant such a professional the same right to carry a concealed handgun in this state as a concealed handgun licensee.

(Committee on Federalism and Interstate Relations recommends passage, see House Journal, September 13, 2017, p. 1027.)

Sub. H. B. No. 184 – Representatives Gavarone, DeVitis

Cosponsor: Representative Johnson

To amend sections 1739.05, 2925.01, 4715.03, 4715.09, 4715.10, 4715.11, 4715.13, 4715.22, 4715.36, 4715.365, 4715.39, 4715.56, and 4715.64 and to enact sections 1751.90, 3333.614, 3923.90, 4715.43, 4715.431, 4715.432, 4715.433, 4715.434, 4715.435, 4715.436, 4715.437, and 5164.951 of the Revised Code to authorize the provision of dental services through teledentistry, to require a proposal for creation of a primary care dental student component of the Choose Ohio First Scholarship Program, and to make other changes to the laws governing the practices of dentistry and dental hygiene, and to amend the version of section 4715.36 of the Revised Code that is scheduled to take effect September 29, 2018, to continue the provisions of this act on and after that effective date.

(Committee on Health recommends substitute bill for passage, see House Journal, September 20, 2017, p. 1049.)

H. B. No. 24 – Representative Ginter

Cosponsors: Representatives Schaffer, Rogers, Cera, Green, Hambley, Retherford, Ryan

To amend section 5709.17 of the Revised Code to modify the existing tax exemption for veterans organizations' property to include property of certain veterans organizations exempt from federal taxation under section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code and to exclude property that is not used primarily for meetings, administration, and the provision of programs and services to past and present members of the United States armed forces.

(Committee on Ways and Means recommends passage, see House Journal, June 20, 2017, p. 553.)

H. B. No. 76 – Representatives Arndt, Gavarone

Cosponsors: Representatives Green, Greenspan, Sheehy, DeVitis, Householder, Hughes, Johnson, Patmon

To amend section 4501.21 and to enact sections 4503.436 and 4503.566 of the Revised Code to create the "Ohio National Guard Ohio Cross" license plate and the "Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge" license plate.

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends passage, see House Journal, March 16, 2017, p. 247.)

H. B. No. 311 – Representative Johnson

Cosponsors: Representatives Green, Sheehy, Householder, Hughes, West

To enact section 5534.95 of the Revised Code to designate a portion of State Route 348 in Scioto County as the "Roy Rogers Happy Trails Highway."

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends passage, see House Journal, September 21, 2017, p. 1063.)

S. B. No. 27 – Senator Beagle

**Cosponsors: Senators Bacon, Brown, Eklund, Gardner, Manning, Obhof, Schiavoni, Thomas, Uecker, Williams, Yuko, Hoagland, Oelslager, Tavares, Burke, Kunze, Hackett, Balderson, Coley, Dolan, Hite, Hottinger, Huffman, Jordan, LaRose, Lehner, Peterson, Skindell, Sykes, Terhar, Wilson
Representatives Hambley, Boyd, Carfagna**

To amend section 5.2281 of the Revised Code to designate the period beginning March 13 and ending April 15 as "Ohio Deaf History Month."

(House committee on State and Local Government recommends passage, see House Journal, April 25, 2017, p. 351.)

(Senate recommends passage, see Senate Journal, March 7, 2017, p. 203.)

(Senate committee on Health, Human Services and Medicaid recommends passage, see Senate Journal, March 2, 2017, p. 181.)

(Bills or resolutions below the black line have been recommended for passage or adoption by designated committees)

Sub. H. B. No. 2 – Representative Seitz

To amend sections 2315.18, 2315.21, 4112.01, 4112.02, 4112.04, 4112.05, 4112.08, 4112.14, and 4112.99; to amend, for the purpose of adopting new section numbers as indicated in parentheses, sections 4112.051 (4112.055) and 4112.052 (4112.056); and to enact new sections 4112.051 and 4112.052 and section 4112.054 of the Revised Code to modify Ohio civil rights laws related to employment.

(Committee on Economic Development, Commerce, and Labor recommends substitute bill for passage, see House Journal, May 10, 2017, p. 449.)

Sub. H. B. No. 35 – Representative Hughes

Cosponsors: Representatives Patton, Lipps, Antani, Blessing, Faber, Schaffer, Hambley, Sprague, Boccieri, Seitz, Dever, Brenner, Leland

To amend sections 102.02, 109.572, 111.15, 119.01, 121.07, 131.11, 135.03, 135.032, 135.32, 135.321, 135.51, 135.52, 135.53, 323.134, 339.06, 513.17, 749.081, 755.141, 902.01, 924.10, 924.26, 924.45, 1101.01, 1101.02, 1101.03, 1101.15, 1101.16, 1103.01, 1103.02, 1103.03, 1103.06, 1103.07, 1103.08, 1103.09, 1103.11, 1103.13, 1103.14, 1103.15, 1103.16, 1103.18, 1103.19, 1103.20, 1103.21, 1105.01, 1105.02, 1105.03, 1105.04, 1105.08, 1105.10, 1105.11, 1107.03, 1107.05, 1107.07, 1107.09, 1107.11, 1107.13, 1107.15, 1109.01, 1109.02, 1109.03, 1109.05, 1109.08, 1109.10, 1109.15, 1109.16, 1109.17, 1109.22, 1109.23, 1109.24, 1109.25, 1109.26, 1109.31, 1109.32, 1109.33, 1109.34, 1109.35, 1109.36, 1109.39, 1109.40, 1109.43, 1109.44, 1109.45, 1109.47, 1109.48, 1109.49, 1109.53, 1109.54, 1109.55, 1109.59, 1109.61, 1109.63, 1109.64, 1109.65, 1109.69, 1111.01, 1111.02, 1111.03, 1111.04, 1111.06, 1111.07, 1111.08, 1111.09, 1113.01, 1113.03, 1113.05, 1113.06, 1113.08, 1113.09, 1115.01, 1115.05, 1115.06, 1115.07, 1115.11, 1115.111, 1115.14, 1115.15, 1115.20, 1115.23, 1115.27, 1117.01, 1117.02, 1117.04, 1117.05, 1119.11, 1119.17, 1119.23, 1119.26, 1121.01, 1121.02, 1121.05, 1121.06, 1121.10, 1121.12, 1121.13, 1121.15, 1121.16, 1121.17, 1121.18, 1121.21, 1121.23, 1121.26, 1121.30, 1121.33, 1121.34, 1121.38, 1121.41, 1121.43, 1121.45, 1121.47, 1121.48, 1121.50, 1121.56, 1123.01, 1125.01, 1125.03, 1125.04, 1125.05, 1125.06, 1125.09, 1125.10, 1125.11, 1125.12, 1125.13, 1125.14, 1125.17, 1125.18, 1125.19, 1125.20, 1125.21, 1125.22, 1125.23, 1125.24, 1125.25, 1125.26, 1125.27, 1125.28, 1125.29, 1125.30, 1125.33, 1181.01, 1181.02, 1181.03, 1181.04, 1181.05, 1181.06, 1181.07, 1181.10, 1181.11, 1181.21, 1181.25, 1349.16, 1509.07, 1509.225, 1510.09, 1514.04, 1707.03, 1901.31, 2335.25, 3351.07, 3767.41, 4303.293, and 5814.01; to amend, for the purpose of adopting new section numbers as indicated in parentheses, sections 1103.01 (1113.01), 1103.06 (1113.04), 1103.08 (1113.12), 1103.09 (1113.13), 1103.11 (1113.11), 1103.13 (1113.14), 1103.14 (1113.15), 1103.15 (1113.16), 1103.16 (1113.17), 1103.21 (1117.07), and 1113.01 (1113.02) and to enact new section 1121.52 and sections 1101.05, 1103.99, 1109.021, 1109.04, 1109.151, 1109.441, 1109.62, 1114.01, 1114.02, 1114.03, 1114.04, 1114.05, 1114.06, 1114.07, 1114.08, 1114.09, 1114.10, 1114.11, 1114.12, 1114.16, 1115.02, 1115.03, 1115.24, 1116.01, 1116.02, 1116.05, 1116.06, 1116.07, 1116.08, 1116.09, 1116.10, 1116.11, 1116.12, 1116.13, 1116.16, 1116.18, 1116.19, 1116.20, 1116.21, and 1121.19, and to repeal sections 1105.06, 1107.01, 1109.60, 1115.18, 1115.19, 1115.25, 1121.52, 1133.01, 1133.02, 1133.03, 1133.04, 1133.05, 1133.06, 1133.07, 1133.08, 1133.09, 1133.10, 1133.11, 1133.12, 1133.13, 1133.14, 1133.15, 1133.16, 1151.01, 1151.02, 1151.03, 1151.04, 1151.05, 1151.051, 1151.052, 1151.053, 1151.06, 1151.07, 1151.08, 1151.081, 1151.09, 1151.091, 1151.10, 1151.11, 1151.12, 1151.13, 1151.14, 1151.15, 1151.16, 1151.17, 1151.18, 1151.19, 1151.191, 1151.192, 1151.20, 1151.201, 1151.21, 1151.22, 1151.23, 1151.231, 1151.24, 1151.25, 1151.26, 1151.27, 1151.28, 1151.29, 1151.291, 1151.292, 1151.293, 1151.294, 1151.295, 1151.296, 1151.297, 1151.298, 1151.299, 1151.2910, 1151.2911, 1151.30, 1151.31, 1151.311, 1151.312, 1151.32, 1151.321, 1151.323, 1151.33, 1151.34, 1151.341, 1151.342, 1151.343, 1151.344, 1151.345, 1151.346, 1151.347, 1151.348, 1151.349, 1151.35, 1151.36, 1151.361, 1151.37, 1151.38, 1151.39, 1151.40, 1151.41, 1151.411, 1151.42, 1151.44, 1151.45, 1151.46, 1151.47, 1151.471, 1151.48, 1151.49, 1151.51, 1151.52, 1151.53, 1151.54, 1151.55, 1151.60,

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(Committee on Financial Institutions, Housing, and Urban Development recommends substitute bill for passage, see House Journal, March 8, 2017, p. 217.)

Am. H. B. No. 39 – Representatives Arndt, Gavarone

Cosponsors: Representatives Anielski, Hambley, Bishoff, Carfagna

To enact section 505.872 of the Revised Code to authorize certain townships to require the removal of snow and ice from sidewalks abutting property.

(Committee on State and Local Government recommends amended bill for passage, see House Journal, March 22, 2017, p. 261.)

Sub. H. B. No. 42 – Representatives Sprague, DeVitis

Cosponsor: Representative Seitz

To amend section 1345.99 and to enact section 1345.022 of the Revised Code to prohibit the installation of unsafe used tires on certain motor vehicles.

(Committee on Economic Development, Commerce, and Labor recommends substitute bill for passage, see House Journal, May 10, 2017, p. 449.)

Sub. H. B. No. 50 – Representative Schaffer

Cosponsors: Representatives Roegner, Koehler, Retherford, McColley, Brenner, Conditt, Thompson, Becker, Wiggam, Riedel, Blessing, Henne, Dean, Seitz, Merrin, Goodman, LaTourette, Hambley, Antani, Young

To amend sections 4501.27, 5101.33, and 5101.542 and to enact section 5101.331 of the Revised Code to establish requirements for electronic benefit transfer cards issued under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

(Committee on Community and Family Advancement recommends substitute bill for passage, see House Journal, June 8, 2017, p. 543.)

Am. H. B. No. 51 – Representative Faber

Cosponsors: Representatives Becker, Brinkman, Butler, Dean, Dever, DeVitis, Green, Goodman, Hagan, Henne, Keller, Kick, Koehler, Lipps, Merrin, Retherford, Riedel, Roegner, Romanchuk, Scherer, Stein, Thompson, Vitale, Young

To amend section 117.46 and to enact sections 101.88, 101.881, 101.882, and 101.89 of the Revised Code to require standing committees of the General Assembly to establish a schedule for the periodic review and sunset of state departments that are currently in the Governor's cabinet, and to require that Auditor of State performance audits be scheduled to coincide with the periodic review.

(Committee on State and Local Government recommends amended bill for passage, see House Journal, May 16, 2017, p. 463.)

H. B. No. 58 – Representatives Brenner, Slaby

Cosponsors: Representatives Perales, Zeltwanger, Vitale, Hambley, Conditt, Young, Roegner, Riedel, Thompson, Dean, Cupp, Keller, Blessing

To amend section 3313.60 of the Revised Code to require instruction in cursive handwriting.

(Committee on Higher Education and Workforce Development recommends passage, see House Journal, June 21, 2017, p. 567.)

H. B. No. 88 – Representative Anielski

Cosponsors: Representatives Patton, Roegner, Slaby, Howse, Celebrezze, Sykes, Green, Greenspan, DeVitis, Householder, Hughes, Johnson, West

To amend section 4501.21 and to enact section 4503.905 of the Revised Code to create the "Cuyahoga Valley Career Center" license plate.

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends passage, see House Journal, March 16, 2017, p. 248.)

Am. H. B. No. 104 – Representative Schaffer

Cosponsors: Representatives Henne, Boccieri, Seitz, Becker, Riedel, Hood, Brinkman, Stein, Bishoff, Dever, Brenner

To amend section 5739.121 of the Revised Code to allow vendors to receive a refund of sales tax remitted for bad debts on private label credit accounts when the debt is charged off as uncollectible by the credit account lender.

(Committee on Financial Institutions, Housing, and Urban Development recommends amended bill for passage, see House Journal, April 26, 2017, p. 358.)

Am. H. B. No. 134 – Representatives Hambley, Kick

Cosponsors: Representatives Wiggam, Stein

To amend sections 307.283 and 5739.026 of the Revised Code to allow community improvements board grants to a school district to be spent for permanent improvements outside the county so long as the improvements are within the school district.

(Committee on State and Local Government recommends amended bill for passage, see House Journal, May 16, 2017, p. 464.)

H. B. No. 135 – Representative Patmon

To enact section 5.49 of the Revised Code to designate June 12th as "Superman Day."

(Committee on State and Local Government recommends passage, see House Journal, May 16, 2017, p. 465.)

H. B. No. 136 – Representative Arndt

Cosponsors: Representatives Green, Greenspan, Sheehy, Hughes, Lepore-Hagan, West

To enact sections 5534.802 and 5534.803 of the Revised Code to designate a portion of State Route 61 in Erie County as the "SGT David Sexton Memorial Highway" and a portion of Benton-Carroll Road in Ottawa County as "SGT Glen Millinger Memorial Highway."

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends passage, see House Journal, May 1, 2017, p. 364.)

H. B. No. 140 – Representative Green

Cosponsors: Representatives Boccieri, Cera, Faber, Johnson, Lipps, Miller, Perales, Riedel, Rogers, Sheehy, Sprague, Sweeney, Greenspan, Hughes, Lepore-Hagan

To enact section 5534.78 of the Revised Code to designate a portion of State Route 32 in Brown and Highland Counties as the "Army Specialist Danny Raymond King Memorial Highway."

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends passage, see House Journal, May 1, 2017, p. 365.)

Sub. H. B. No. 142 – Representative Wiggam

Cosponsors: Representatives Lipps, Goodman, Kick, Merrin, Hood, Thompson, Conditt, Keller, Vitale, Roegner, Koehler, Brinkman, Becker, Seitz, Dean

To amend sections 2923.12, 2923.126, 2923.128, and 2923.16 of the Revised Code to modify the requirement that a concealed handgun licensee notify a law enforcement officer that the licensee is carrying a concealed handgun when stopped.

(Committee on Federalism and Interstate Relations recommends substitute bill for passage, see House Journal, September 20, 2017, p. 1049.)

Sub. H. B. No. 168 – Representative Stein

Cosponsors: Representatives Bocchieri, Brenner, Hambley, LaTourette, Seitz, Arndt, Carfagna, O'Brien, Blessing

To amend sections 1721.21, 1721.211, 4717.03, 4717.13, 4717.14, 4717.36, 4767.01, 4767.02, 4767.03, 4767.04, 4767.05, 4767.06, 4767.07, and 4767.08 and to enact sections 4767.021, 4767.09, 4767.10, and 4767.11 of the Revised Code to modify duties of the Division of Real Estate in the Department of Commerce regarding cemetery registration, to specify cemetery owners must reasonably maintain cemeteries, to establish the Cemetery Grant Program, to allow the Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors to review and vote upon certain license suspensions by telephone, to make various other changes to the embalmers, funeral directors, and crematory licensing laws, and to make an appropriation.

(Committee on Finance recommends substitute bill for passage, see House Journal, September 21, 2017, p. 1062.)

(Committee on Rules and Reference recommends re-referral, see House Journal, June 6, 2017, p. 523.)

(Committee on State and Local Government recommends amended bill for re-referral, see House Journal, June 6, 2017, p. 520.)

H. B. No. 183 – Representative Perales

Cosponsors: Representatives Butler, Sweeney, Craig, Hambley, Bocchieri, Riedel, Lipps, Rezabek, Seitz, O'Brien, Johnson, Lanese, Landis, Miller, Young

To enact section 4561.02 of the Revised Code to establish the Governing Board of the Ohio Aviation Hall of Fame and Learning Center for purposes of establishing the Hall and inducting persons into it.

(Committee on Armed Services, Veterans Affairs, and Homeland Security recommends passage, see House Journal, June 8, 2017, p. 544.)

H. B. No. 194 – Representatives Johnson, Craig

Cosponsors: Representatives Anielski, Arndt, Bocchieri, Butler, Conditt, Dean, Dever, Ginter, Gonzales, Keller, Landis, Riedel, Ryan, Stein, Strahorn, Thompson, Wiggam, Green, Greenspan, Sheehy, DeVitis, Householder, Howse, Hughes, Lepore-Hagan, Manning, Reece, West

To enact section 4503.29 and to repeal sections 4503.431, 4503.432, 4503.433, 4503.434, 4503.48, 4503.481, 4503.53, 4503.532, 4503.533, 4503.536, 4503.537, 4503.538, 4503.54, 4503.541, 4503.543, 4503.544, 4503.547, 4503.548, 4503.571, 4503.581, 4503.59, and 4503.731 of the Revised Code to establish a program for the issuance of special license plates related to military service and awards.

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends passage, see House Journal, May 24, 2017, p. 505.)

H. B. No. 202 – Representative Thompson

Cosponsors: Representatives Johnson, Ramos, Stein, Retherford, Arndt, Rogers, Duffey, Goodman, Riedel, Howse, Smith, K., Romanchuk, Greenspan, Lepore-Hagan, Conditt, Anielski, Hill, Miller, Boccieri, Gavarone, Hambley, Scherer, Ginter, Sweeney, Sprague, West, Dean, Brenner, Kent, Cupp, Keller, Reece, Faber, Lanese, Landis, Young, Zeltwanger

To enact section 5.481 of the Revised Code to designate the first Saturday of May as "Veterans Suicide Awareness Day."

(Committee on Armed Services, Veterans Affairs, and Homeland Security recommends passage, see House Journal, May 25, 2017, p. 516.)

H. B. No. 212 – Representative Householder

Cosponsors: Representatives Green, Greenspan, Sheehy, DeVitis, Hughes, Johnson, Keller, Lepore-Hagan, Manning, Patton, Reece, West

To enact section 5534.801 of the Revised Code to designate a portion of State Route 16 in Coshocton County as the "Staff Sergeant Paul C. Mardis Jr. Memorial Highway."

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends passage, see House Journal, May 24, 2017, p. 505.)

Am. H. B. No. 227 – Representative LaTourette

Cosponsors: Representatives Green, Sheehy

To amend section 4501.21 and to enact section 4503.88 of the Revised Code to create the "Kenston Local Schools" license plate.

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends amended bill for passage, see House Journal, June 8, 2017, p. 545.)

H. B. No. 229 – Representatives Romanchuk, Wiggam

Cosponsors: Representatives DeVitis, Thompson, Sprague, Patton, Reece, Kent, Smith, K., Brenner, Sweeney, Hambley

To enact section 5.261 of the Revised Code to designate February 3 as "Charles Follis Day."

(Committee on State and Local Government recommends passage, see House Journal, June 21, 2017, p. 571.)

H. B. No. 230 – Representatives Gonzales, Ginter

Cosponsors: Representatives Greenspan, Dean, Johnson, Boccieri, Retherford, Hughes, Goodman, Antani

To amend sections 4781.40, 5301.072, 5311.191, and 5321.131 of the Revised Code to prohibit manufactured home park operators, condominium associations, neighborhood associations, and landlords from restricting the display of the thin blue line flag.

(Committee on Economic Development, Commerce, and Labor recommends passage, see House Journal, September 20, 2017, p. 1050.)

H. B. No. 244 – Representative Patterson

Cosponsors: Representatives Ramos, Sykes, Thompson, Kent, Antani, Antonio, Dever, Boyd, Patton, Gavarone, Sheehy, Sweeney, Boccieri, Slaby, Roegner, Smith, K., Arndt, Miller, Lepore-Hagan, Ashford, Boggs, LaTourette, O'Brien, Sprague, Huffman, Johnson, Kick, Romanchuk

To enact section 5.236 of the Revised Code to designate the month of June as "Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month."

(Committee on Health recommends passage, see House Journal, September 13, 2017, p. 1029.)

Sub. H. B. No. 251 – Representative Greenspan

Cosponsors: Representatives Hambley, Stein, Dever

To amend sections 135.14 and 135.35 of the Revised Code to increase from five to ten years the maturity period of other political subdivision's bonds and obligations eligible for investment of a subdivision's interim moneys, a county's inactive moneys, and money in the county public library fund.

(Committee on Financial Institutions, Housing, and Urban Development recommends substitute bill for passage, see House Journal, October 10, 2017, p. 1078.)

H. B. No. 257 – Representative Green

Cosponsors: Representatives Cera, Craig, Faber, Galonski, Greenspan, Hambley, Lepore-Hagan, Riedel, Rogers, Romanchuk, Schaffer, Smith, K., Sprague, Sweeney, Perales, West, Sheehy, DeVitis, Hughes, Johnson, Kick

To enact section 5534.804 of the Revised Code to designate a portion of U.S. Route 68 in Brown County as the "Army Specialist David Lee Bingamon Memorial Highway."

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends passage, see House Journal, September 13, 2017, p. 1031.)

H. B. No. 261 – Representatives Anielski, Roegner

Cosponsors: Representatives Green, Greenspan, Sheehy, DeVitis, Hughes, Johnson, Lepore-Hagan, West

To amend sections 4501.21 and 4503.772 and to enact section 4503.875 of the Revised Code to create the Walsh Jesuit license plate.

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends passage, see House Journal, September 13, 2017, p. 1031.)

H. B. No. 266 – Representative Roegner

Cosponsors: Representatives Green, Greenspan, Sheehy, DeVitis, Hughes, Johnson, Lepore-Hagan, West

To amend section 4501.21 and to enact section 4503.907 of the Revised Code to create the "Twinsburg City Schools" license plate.

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends passage, see House Journal, September 13, 2017, p. 1031.)

H. B. No. 308 – Representative Cera

Cosponsors: Representatives Green, Sheehy, Householder, Hughes, Johnson, Lepore-Hagan, Manning, West

To enact section 5534.64 of the Revised Code to designate a portion of State Route 7 in Belmont County as the "Ohio Valley Vietnam Veterans Memorial Highway."

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends passage, see House Journal, September 21, 2017, p. 1063.)

H. B. No. 321 – Representatives Koehler, Green

Cosponsors: Representatives Goodman, Riedel, Brenner, Sweeney, Householder, Hughes, Johnson, West

To amend section 4501.21 and to enact section 4503.891 of the Revised Code to create the "Lions Club" license plate.

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends passage, see House Journal, September 21, 2017, p. 1064.)

H. B. No. 324 – Representatives Ashford, Sheehy

Cosponsors: Representatives Cera, Leland, Romanchuk, Rogers, Sweeney, Thompson, Smith, K., Miller, Lepore-Hagan, West, Riedel, Patton, Boccieri, Strahorn, Clyde, Boggs, Celebrezze, Ingram, Kent, Huffman, Fedor, Patterson, Reece, Faber, Kelly, Craig, Antonio, Sykes, O'Brien, Young, Holmes, Ramos, Green, Greenspan, Householder, Hughes, Keller, Kick, Manning

To enact section 5534.48 of the Revised Code to designate a portion of Interstate Route 75 in Lucas County as the "Toledo Firefighters J. Dickman and S. Machcinski Memorial Highway."

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends passage, see House Journal, September 21, 2017, p. 1064.)

H. B. No. 330 – Representative Rogers

Cosponsors: Representatives Ashford, Boggs, Celebrezze, Craig, Kelly, Kent, Lepore-Hagan, Miller, Patton, Ramos, Riedel, Romanchuk, Scherer, Smith, K., Sweeney, West, Green, Sheehy, Householder, Hughes, Johnson, Manning

To enact section 5534.494 of the Revised Code to designate a portion of State Route 91 in Willoughby as the "Patrolman Jason Gresko Memorial Highway."

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends passage, see House Journal, September 21, 2017, p. 1065.)

S. B. No. 18 – Senator Thomas

**Cosponsors: Senators Eklund, Gardner, Beagle, Yuko, Sykes, Brown, Obhof, Coley, Uecker, Bacon, Balderson, Burke, Dolan, Hackett, Hite, Hoagland, Hottinger, Huffman, Jordan, Kunze, LaRose, Lehner, Manning, Oelslager, Peterson, Schiavoni, Skindell, Tavares, Terhar, Williams, Wilson
Representatives Hambley, Boyd, Carfagna**

To enact section 5.291 of the Revised Code to designate September 12 as "Jesse Owens Day."

(House committee on State and Local Government recommends passage, see House Journal, April 25, 2017, p. 350.)

(Senate recommends passage, see Senate Journal, March 7, 2017, p. 201.)

(Senate committee on Government Oversight and Reform recommends passage, see Senate Journal, March 2, 2017, p. 181.)

S. B. No. 62 – Senator Yuko

Cosponsors: Senators Thomas, Brown, Williams, Huffman, Hackett, Eklund, Tavares, Schiavoni, Beagle, Sykes, LaRose, Coley, Uecker, Skindell, Bacon, Balderson, Burke, Dolan, Gardner, Hite, Hoagland, Hottinger, Kunze, Lehner, Manning, Obhof, O'Brien, Oelslager, Peterson, Terhar, Wilson Representative Hambley

To enact section 5.236 of the Revised Code to designate July 8 as "Harrison Dillard Day."

(House committee on State and Local Government recommends passage, see House Journal, September 20, 2017, p. 1048.)

(Senate recommends passage, see Senate Journal, May 3, 2017, p. 372.)

(Senate committee on Government Oversight and Reform recommends passage, see Senate Journal, March 29, 2017, p. 300.)

Pending Matters

Am. Sub. H. B. No. 49 – Representative Smith, R. – et al.

To make operating appropriations for the biennium beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2019, and to provide authorization and conditions for the operation of state programs.

(Line item vetoes 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 24, 28, 29, 32, 35, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, and 47, see House Journal, July 6, 2017, p. 972.)

Have a great evening!

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HOUSE CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY - OCTOBER 11, 2017 - 1:30 PM

Bills for Third Consideration

Am. H. B. No. 226 – Representatives Seitz, Sweeney

Cosponsors: Representatives Dean, Becker, Thompson, Goodman, Stein, Reineke, Blessing, Koehler

To amend sections 1705.48, 3737.51, 3737.71, 3737.99, 3743.04, 3743.17, 3743.44, 3743.45, 3743.60, 3743.61, 3743.63, 3743.65, 3743.75, 3743.99, 5703.052, 5703.053, 5703.19, 5703.70, and 5703.77 and to enact sections 3737.04, 3737.05, 3737.06, 3737.07, 3737.08, 3737.09, 3737.10, 3737.11, 3737.12, 3743.46, 3743.47, 3743.591, and 3743.67 of the Revised Code to establish a fireworks study group to review and make recommendations regarding the Fireworks Law, to extend to July 1, 2020, the moratorium on issuing fireworks manufacturer and wholesaler licenses, to eliminate, beginning January 1, 2021, the moratorium on geographic transfer of fireworks manufacturer and wholesaler licenses, and, beginning January 1, 2021, to impose a fee on the retail sale of consumer grade fireworks in this state and to expand the ability of individuals to obtain 1.3G display fireworks and obtain and use 1.4G consumer fireworks.

(Committee on Government Accountability and Oversight recommends amended bill for passage, see House Journal, September 13, 2017, p. 1028.)

H. B. No. 79 – Representatives Retherford, Hagan

Cosponsors: Representatives Hambley, Seitz, Dean, Thompson, Brenner, Faber, Becker, Vitale, Brinkman, Koehler, Riedel, Goodman, Antani, Stein, Hood, Schaffer, Blessing, Roegner, Merrin

To amend sections 109.71, 109.73, 109.75, 109.79, 109.801, and 2923.126 and to enact sections 109.748 and 109.771 of the Revised Code to provide for firearms training for tactical medical professionals; to permit such a professional who has received that training and has been authorized by the law enforcement agency to carry firearms while on duty; and to grant such a professional the same right to carry a concealed handgun in this state as a concealed handgun licensee.

(Committee on Federalism and Interstate Relations recommends passage, see House Journal, September 13, 2017, p. 1027.)

Sub. H. B. No. 184 – Representatives Gavarone, DeVitis

Cosponsor: Representative Johnson

To amend sections 1739.05, 2925.01, 4715.03, 4715.09, 4715.10, 4715.11, 4715.13, 4715.22, 4715.36, 4715.365, 4715.39, 4715.56, and 4715.64 and to enact sections 1751.90, 3333.614, 3923.90, 4715.43, 4715.431, 4715.432, 4715.433, 4715.434, 4715.435, 4715.436, 4715.437, and 5164.951 of the Revised Code to authorize the provision of dental services through teledentistry, to require a proposal for creation of a primary care dental student component of the Choose Ohio First Scholarship Program, and to make other changes to the laws governing the practices of dentistry and dental hygiene, and to amend the version of section 4715.36 of the Revised Code that is scheduled to take effect September 29, 2018, to continue the provisions of this act on and

after that effective date.

(Committee on Health recommends substitute bill for passage, see House Journal, September 20, 2017, p. 1049.)

H. B. No. 24 – Representative Ginter

Cosponsors: Representatives Schaffer, Rogers, Cera, Green, Hambley, Retherford, Ryan

To amend section 5709.17 of the Revised Code to modify the existing tax exemption for veterans organizations' property to include property of certain veterans organizations exempt from federal taxation under section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code and to exclude property that is not used primarily for meetings, administration, and the provision of programs and services to past and present members of the United States armed forces.

(Committee on Ways and Means recommends passage, see House Journal, June 20, 2017, p. 553.)

H. B. No. 76 – Representatives Arndt, Gavarone

Cosponsors: Representatives Green, Greenspan, Sheehy, DeVitis, Householder, Hughes, Johnson, Patmon

To amend section 4501.21 and to enact sections 4503.436 and 4503.566 of the Revised Code to create the "Ohio National Guard Ohio Cross" license plate and the "Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge" license plate.

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends passage, see House Journal, March 16, 2017, p. 247.)

H. B. No. 311 – Representative Johnson

Cosponsors: Representatives Green, Sheehy, Householder, Hughes, West

To enact section 5534.95 of the Revised Code to designate a portion of State Route 348 in Scioto County as the "Roy Rogers Happy Trails Highway."

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends passage, see House Journal, September 21, 2017, p. 1063.)

S. B. No. 27 – Senator Beagle

Cosponsors: Senators Bacon, Brown, Eklund, Gardner, Manning, Obhof, Schiavoni, Thomas, Uecker, Williams, Yuko, Hoagland, Oelslager, Tavares, Burke, Kunze, Hackett, Balderson, Coley, Dolan, Hite, Hottinger, Huffman, Jordan, LaRose, Lehner, Peterson, Skindell, Sykes, Terhar, Wilson Representatives Hambley, Boyd, Carfagna
To amend section 5.2281 of the Revised Code to designate the period beginning March 13 and ending April 15 as "Ohio Deaf History Month."

(House committee on State and Local Government recommends passage, see House Journal, April 25, 2017, p. 351.)

(Senate recommends passage, see Senate Journal, March 7, 2017, p. 203.)

(Senate committee on Health, Human Services and Medicaid recommends passage, see Senate Journal, March 2, 2017, p. 181.)

(Bills or resolutions below the black line have been recommended for passage or adoption by designated committees)

Sub. H. B. No. 2 – Representative Seitz

To amend sections 2315.18, 2315.21, 4112.01, 4112.02, 4112.04, 4112.05, 4112.08, 4112.14, and 4112.99; to amend, for the purpose of adopting new section numbers as indicated in parentheses, sections 4112.051 (4112.055) and 4112.052 (4112.056); and to enact new sections 4112.051 and 4112.052 and section 4112.054 of the Revised Code to modify Ohio civil rights laws related to employment.

(Committee on Economic Development, Commerce, and Labor recommends substitute bill for passage, see House Journal, May

Sub. H. B. No. 35 – Representative Hughes

Cosponsors: Representatives Patton, Lipps, Antani, Blessing, Faber, Schaffer, Hambley, Sprague, Boccheri, Seitz, Dever, Brenner, Leland

To amend sections 102.02, 109.572, 111.15, 119.01, 121.07, 131.11, 135.03, 135.032, 135.32, 135.321, 135.51, 135.52, 135.53, 323.134, 339.06, 513.17, 749.081, 755.141, 902.01, 924.10, 924.26, 924.45, 1101.01, 1101.02, 1101.03, 1101.15, 1101.16, 1103.01, 1103.02, 1103.03, 1103.06, 1103.07, 1103.08, 1103.09, 1103.11, 1103.13, 1103.14, 1103.15, 1103.16, 1103.18, 1103.19, 1103.20, 1103.21, 1105.01, 1105.02, 1105.03, 1105.04, 1105.08, 1105.10, 1105.11, 1107.03, 1107.05, 1107.07, 1107.09, 1107.11, 1107.13, 1107.15, 1109.01, 1109.02, 1109.03, 1109.05, 1109.08, 1109.10, 1109.15, 1109.16, 1109.17, 1109.22, 1109.23, 1109.24, 1109.25, 1109.26, 1109.31, 1109.32, 1109.33, 1109.34, 1109.35, 1109.36, 1109.39, 1109.40, 1109.43, 1109.44, 1109.45, 1109.47, 1109.48, 1109.49, 1109.53, 1109.54, 1109.55, 1109.59, 1109.61, 1109.63, 1109.64, 1109.65, 1109.69, 1111.01, 1111.02, 1111.03, 1111.04, 1111.06, 1111.07, 1111.08, 1111.09, 1113.01, 1113.03, 1113.05, 1113.06, 1113.08, 1113.09, 1115.01, 1115.05, 1115.06, 1115.07, 1115.11, 1115.111, 1115.14, 1115.15, 1115.20, 1115.23, 1115.27, 1117.01, 1117.02, 1117.04, 1117.05, 1119.11, 1119.17, 1119.23, 1119.26, 1121.01, 1121.02, 1121.05, 1121.06, 1121.10, 1121.12, 1121.13, 1121.15, 1121.16, 1121.17, 1121.18, 1121.21, 1121.23, 1121.26, 1121.30, 1121.33, 1121.34, 1121.38, 1121.41, 1121.43, 1121.45, 1121.47, 1121.48, 1121.50, 1121.56, 1123.01, 1125.01, 1125.03, 1125.04, 1125.05, 1125.06, 1125.09, 1125.10, 1125.11, 1125.12, 1125.13, 1125.14, 1125.17, 1125.18, 1125.19, 1125.20, 1125.21, 1125.22, 1125.23, 1125.24, 1125.25, 1125.26, 1125.27, 1125.28, 1125.29, 1125.30, 1125.33, 1181.01, 1181.02, 1181.03, 1181.04, 1181.05, 1181.06, 1181.07, 1181.10, 1181.11, 1181.21, 1181.25, 1349.16, 1509.07, 1509.225, 1510.09, 1514.04, 1707.03, 1901.31, 2335.25, 3351.07, 3767.41, 4303.293, and 5814.01; to amend, for the purpose of adopting new section numbers as indicated in parentheses, sections 1103.01 (1113.01), 1103.06 (1113.04), 1103.08 (1113.12), 1103.09 (1113.13), 1103.11 (1113.11), 1103.13 (1113.14), 1103.14 (1113.15), 1103.15 (1113.16), 1103.16 (1113.17), 1103.21 (1117.07), and 1113.01 (1113.02) and to enact new section 1121.52 and sections 1101.05, 1103.99, 1109.021, 1109.04, 1109.151, 1109.441, 1109.62, 1114.01, 1114.02, 1114.03, 1114.04, 1114.05, 1114.06, 1114.07, 1114.08, 1114.09, 1114.10, 1114.11, 1114.12, 1114.16, 1115.02, 1115.03, 1115.24, 1116.01, 1116.02, 1116.05, 1116.06, 1116.07, 1116.08, 1116.09, 1116.10, 1116.11, 1116.12, 1116.13, 1116.16, 1116.18, 1116.19, 1116.20, 1116.21, and 1121.19, and to repeal sections 1105.06, 1107.01, 1109.60, 1115.18, 1115.19, 1115.25, 1121.52, 1133.01, 1133.02, 1133.03, 1133.04, 1133.05, 1133.06, 1133.07, 1133.08, 1133.09, 1133.10, 1133.11, 1133.12, 1133.13, 1133.14, 1133.15, 1133.16, 1151.01, 1151.02, 1151.03, 1151.04, 1151.05, 1151.051, 1151.052, 1151.053, 1151.06, 1151.07, 1151.08, 1151.081, 1151.09, 1151.091, 1151.10, 1151.11, 1151.12, 1151.13, 1151.14, 1151.15, 1151.16, 1151.17, 1151.18, 1151.19, 1151.191, 1151.192, 1151.20, 1151.201, 1151.21, 1151.22, 1151.23, 1151.231, 1151.24, 1151.25, 1151.26, 1151.27, 1151.28, 1151.29, 1151.291, 1151.292, 1151.293, 1151.294, 1151.295, 1151.296, 1151.297, 1151.298, 1151.299, 1151.2910, 1151.2911, 1151.30, 1151.31, 1151.311, 1151.312, 1151.32, 1151.321, 1151.323, 1151.33, 1151.34, 1151.341, 1151.342, 1151.343, 1151.344, 1151.345, 1151.346, 1151.347, 1151.348, 1151.349, 1151.35, 1151.36, 1151.361, 1151.37, 1151.38, 1151.39, 1151.40, 1151.41, 1151.411, 1151.42, 1151.44, 1151.45, 1151.46, 1151.47, 1151.471, 1151.48, 1151.49, 1151.51, 1151.52, 1151.53, 1151.54, 1151.55, 1151.60, 1151.61, 1151.62, 1151.63, 1151.64, 1151.66, 1151.71, 1151.72, 1151.99, 1153.03, 1153.05, 1153.06, 1153.07, 1153.99, 1155.01, 1155.011, 1155.02, 1155.021, 1155.03, 1155.05, 1155.07, 1155.071, 1155.08, 1155.09, 1155.091, 1155.10, 1155.11, 1155.12, 1155.15, 1155.16, 1155.17, 1155.18, 1155.20, 1155.21, 1155.23, 1155.24, 1155.25, 1155.26, 1155.27, 1155.28, 1155.31, 1155.35, 1155.37, 1155.41, 1155.42, 1155.43, 1155.44, 1155.45, 1155.46, 1155.47, 1157.01, 1157.03, 1157.04, 1157.05, 1157.06, 1157.09, 1157.10, 1157.11, 1157.12, 1157.13, 1157.14, 1157.17, 1157.18, 1157.19, 1157.20, 1157.21, 1157.22, 1157.23, 1157.24, 1157.25, 1157.26, 1157.27, 1157.28, 1157.29, 1157.30, 1157.33, 1161.01, 1161.02, 1161.03, 1161.04,

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(Committee on Financial Institutions, Housing, and Urban Development recommends substitute bill for passage, see House Journal, March 8, 2017, p. 217.)

Am. H. B. No. 39 – Representatives Arndt, Gavarone

Cosponsors: Representatives Anielski, Hambley, Bishoff, Carfagna

To enact section 505.872 of the Revised Code to authorize certain townships to require the removal of snow and ice from sidewalks abutting property.

(Committee on State and Local Government recommends amended bill for passage, see House Journal, March 22, 2017, p. 261.)

Sub. H. B. No. 42 – Representatives Sprague, DeVitis

Cosponsor: Representative Seitz

To amend section 1345.99 and to enact section 1345.022 of the Revised Code to prohibit the installation of unsafe used tires on certain motor vehicles.

(Committee on Economic Development, Commerce, and Labor recommends substitute bill for passage, see House Journal, May 10, 2017, p. 449.)

Sub. H. B. No. 50 – Representative Schaffer

Cosponsors: Representatives Roegner, Koehler, Retherford, McColley, Brenner, Conditt, Thompson, Becker, Wiggam, Riedel, Blessing, Henne, Dean, Seitz, Merrin, Goodman, LaTourette, Hambley, Antani, Young

To amend sections 4501.27, 5101.33, and 5101.542 and to enact section 5101.331 of the Revised Code to establish requirements for electronic benefit transfer cards issued under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

(Committee on Community and Family Advancement recommends substitute bill for passage, see House Journal, June 8, 2017, p. 543.)

Am. H. B. No. 51 – Representative Faber

Cosponsors: Representatives Becker, Brinkman, Butler, Dean, Dever, DeVitis, Green, Goodman, Hagan, Henne, Keller, Kick, Koehler, Lipps, Merrin, Retherford, Riedel, Roegner, Romanchuk, Scherer, Stein, Thompson, Vitale, Young

To amend section 117.46 and to enact sections 101.88, 101.881, 101.882, and 101.89 of the Revised Code to require standing committees of the General Assembly to establish a schedule for the periodic review and sunset of state departments that are currently in the Governor's cabinet, and to require that Auditor of State performance audits be scheduled to coincide with the periodic review.

(Committee on State and Local Government recommends amended bill for passage, see House Journal, May 16, 2017, p. 463.)

H. B. No. 58 – Representatives Brenner, Slaby

Cosponsors: Representatives Perales, Zeltwanger, Vitale, Hambley, Conditt, Young, Roegner, Riedel, Thompson, Dean, Cupp, Keller, Blessing

To amend section 3313.60 of the Revised Code to require instruction in cursive handwriting.

(Committee on Higher Education and Workforce Development recommends passage, see House Journal, June 21, 2017, p. 567.)

H. B. No. 88 – Representative Anielski

Cosponsors: Representatives Patton, Roegner, Slaby, Howse, Celebrezze, Sykes, Green, Greenspan, DeVitis, Householder, Hughes, Johnson, West

To amend section 4501.21 and to enact section 4503.905 of the Revised Code to create the "Cuyahoga Valley Career Center" license plate.

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends passage, see House Journal, March 16, 2017, p. 248.)

Am. H. B. No. 104 – Representative Schaffer

Cosponsors: Representatives Henne, Boccieri, Seitz, Becker, Riedel, Hood, Brinkman, Stein, Bishoff, Dever, Brenner

To amend section 5739.121 of the Revised Code to allow vendors to receive a refund of sales tax remitted for bad debts on private label credit accounts when the debt is charged off as uncollectible by the credit account lender.

(Committee on Financial Institutions, Housing, and Urban Development recommends amended bill for passage, see House Journal, April 26, 2017, p. 358.)

Am. H. B. No. 134 – Representatives Hambley, Kick

Cosponsors: Representatives Wiggam, Stein

To amend sections 307.283 and 5739.026 of the Revised Code to allow community improvements board grants to a school district to be spent for permanent improvements outside the county so long as the improvements are within the school district.

(Committee on State and Local Government recommends amended bill for passage, see House Journal, May 16, 2017, p. 464.)

H. B. No. 135 – Representative Patmon

To enact section 5.49 of the Revised Code to designate June 12th as "Superman Day."

(Committee on State and Local Government recommends passage, see House Journal, May 16, 2017, p. 465.)

H. B. No. 136 – Representative Arndt

Cosponsors: Representatives Green, Greenspan, Sheehy, Hughes, Lepore-Hagan, West

To enact sections 5534.802 and 5534.803 of the Revised Code to designate a portion of State Route 61 in Erie County as the "SGT David Sexton Memorial Highway" and a portion of Benton-Carroll Road in Ottawa County as "SGT Glen Millinger Memorial Highway."

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends passage, see House Journal, May 1, 2017, p. 364.)

H. B. No. 140 – Representative Green

Cosponsors: Representatives Boccieri, Cera, Faber, Johnson, Lipps, Miller, Perales, Riedel, Rogers, Sheehy, Sprague, Sweeney, Greenspan, Hughes, Lepore-Hagan

To enact section 5534.78 of the Revised Code to designate a portion of State Route 32 in Brown and Highland Counties as the "Army Specialist Danny Raymond King Memorial Highway."

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends passage, see House Journal, May 1, 2017, p. 365.)

Sub. H. B. No. 142 – Representative Wiggam

Cosponsors: Representatives Lipps, Goodman, Kick, Merrin, Hood, Thompson, Conditt, Keller, Vitale, Roegner, Koehler, Brinkman, Becker, Seitz, Dean

To amend sections 2923.12, 2923.126, 2923.128, and 2923.16 of the Revised Code to modify the requirement that a concealed handgun licensee notify a law enforcement officer that the licensee is carrying a concealed handgun when stopped.

(Committee on Federalism and Interstate Relations recommends substitute bill for passage, see House Journal, September 20, 2017, p. 1049.)

Sub. H. B. No. 168 – Representative Stein

Cosponsors: Representatives Bocchieri, Brenner, Hambley, LaTourette, Seitz, Arndt, Carfagna, O'Brien, Blessing

To amend sections 1721.21, 1721.211, 4717.03, 4717.13, 4717.14, 4717.36, 4767.01, 4767.02, 4767.03, 4767.04, 4767.05, 4767.06, 4767.07, and 4767.08 and to enact sections 4767.021, 4767.09, 4767.10, and 4767.11 of the Revised Code to modify duties of the Division of Real Estate in the Department of Commerce regarding cemetery registration, to specify cemetery owners must reasonably maintain cemeteries, to establish the Cemetery Grant Program, to allow the Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors to review and vote upon certain license suspensions by telephone, to make various other changes to the embalmers, funeral directors, and crematory licensing laws, and to make an appropriation.

(Committee on Finance recommends substitute bill for passage, see House Journal, September 21, 2017, p. 1062.)

(Committee on Rules and Reference recommends re-referral, see House Journal, June 6, 2017, p. 523.)

(Committee on State and Local Government recommends amended bill for re-referral, see House Journal, June 6, 2017, p. 520.)

H. B. No. 183 – Representative Perales

Cosponsors: Representatives Butler, Sweeney, Craig, Hambley, Bocchieri, Riedel, Lipps, Rezabek, Seitz, O'Brien, Johnson, Lanese, Landis, Miller, Young

To enact section 4561.02 of the Revised Code to establish the Governing Board of the Ohio Aviation Hall of Fame and Learning Center for purposes of establishing the Hall and inducting persons into it.

(Committee on Armed Services, Veterans Affairs, and Homeland Security recommends passage, see House Journal, June 8, 2017, p. 544.)

H. B. No. 194 – Representatives Johnson, Craig

Cosponsors: Representatives Anielski, Arndt, Bocchieri, Butler, Conditt, Dean, Dever, Ginter, Gonzales, Keller, Landis, Riedel, Ryan, Stein, Strahorn, Thompson, Wiggam, Green, Greenspan, Sheehy, DeVitis, Householder, Howse, Hughes, Lepore-Hagan, Manning, Reece, West

To enact section 4503.29 and to repeal sections 4503.431, 4503.432, 4503.433, 4503.434, 4503.48, 4503.481, 4503.53, 4503.532, 4503.533, 4503.536, 4503.537, 4503.538, 4503.54, 4503.541, 4503.543, 4503.544, 4503.547, 4503.548, 4503.571, 4503.581, 4503.59, and 4503.731 of the Revised Code to establish a program for the issuance of special license plates related to military service and awards.

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends passage, see House Journal, May 24, 2017, p. 505.)

H. B. No. 202 – Representative Thompson

Cosponsors: Representatives Johnson, Ramos, Stein, Retherford, Arndt, Rogers, Duffey, Goodman, Riedel, Howse, Smith, K., Romanchuk, Greenspan, Lepore-Hagan, Conditt, Anielski, Hill, Miller, Bocchieri, Gavarone, Hambley, Scherer, Ginter, Sweeney, Sprague, West, Dean, Brenner, Kent, Cupp, Keller, Reece, Faber, Lanese, Landis, Young, Zeltwanger
To enact section 5.481 of the Revised Code to designate the first Saturday of May as "Veterans

Suicide Awareness Day."

(Committee on Armed Services, Veterans Affairs, and Homeland Security recommends passage, see House Journal, May 25, 2017, p. 516.)

H. B. No. 212 – Representative Householder

Cosponsors: Representatives Green, Greenspan, Sheehy, DeVitis, Hughes, Johnson, Keller, Lepore-Hagan, Manning, Patton, Reece, West

To enact section 5534.801 of the Revised Code to designate a portion of State Route 16 in Coshocton County as the "Staff Sergeant Paul C. Mardis Jr. Memorial Highway."

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends passage, see House Journal, May 24, 2017, p. 505.)

Am. H. B. No. 227 – Representative LaTourette

Cosponsors: Representatives Green, Sheehy

To amend section 4501.21 and to enact section 4503.88 of the Revised Code to create the "Kenston Local Schools" license plate.

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends amended bill for passage, see House Journal, June 8, 2017, p. 545.)

H. B. No. 229 – Representatives Romanchuk, Wiggam

Cosponsors: Representatives DeVitis, Thompson, Sprague, Patton, Reece, Kent, Smith, K., Brenner, Sweeney, Hambley

To enact section 5.261 of the Revised Code to designate February 3 as "Charles Follis Day."

(Committee on State and Local Government recommends passage, see House Journal, June 21, 2017, p. 571.)

H. B. No. 230 – Representatives Gonzales, Ginter

Cosponsors: Representatives Greenspan, Dean, Johnson, Boccieri, Retherford, Hughes, Goodman, Antani

To amend sections 4781.40, 5301.072, 5311.191, and 5321.131 of the Revised Code to prohibit manufactured home park operators, condominium associations, neighborhood associations, and landlords from restricting the display of the thin blue line flag.

(Committee on Economic Development, Commerce, and Labor recommends passage, see House Journal, September 20, 2017, p. 1050.)

H. B. No. 244 – Representative Patterson

Cosponsors: Representatives Ramos, Sykes, Thompson, Kent, Antani, Antonio, Dever, Boyd, Patton, Gavarone, Sheehy, Sweeney, Boccieri, Slaby, Roegner, Smith, K., Arndt, Miller, Lepore-Hagan, Ashford, Boggs, LaTourette, O'Brien, Sprague, Huffman, Johnson, Kick, Romanchuk

To enact section 5.236 of the Revised Code to designate the month of June as "Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month."

(Committee on Health recommends passage, see House Journal, September 13, 2017, p. 1029.)

Sub. H. B. No. 251 – Representative Greenspan

Cosponsors: Representatives Hambley, Stein, Dever

To amend sections 135.14 and 135.35 of the Revised Code to increase from five to ten years the maturity period of other political subdivision's bonds and obligations eligible for investment of a subdivision's interim moneys, a county's inactive moneys, and money in the county public library fund.

(Committee on Financial Institutions, Housing, and Urban Development recommends substitute bill for passage, see House Journal, October 10, 2017, p. 1078.)

H. B. No. 257 – Representative Green

Cosponsors: Representatives Cera, Craig, Faber, Galonski, Greenspan, Hambley, Lepore-Hagan, Riedel, Rogers, Romanchuk, Schaffer, Smith, K., Sprague, Sweeney, Perales, West, Sheehy, DeVitis, Hughes, Johnson, Kick
To enact section 5534.804 of the Revised Code to designate a portion of U.S. Route 68 in Brown County as the "Army Specialist David Lee Bingamon Memorial Highway."

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends passage, see House Journal, September 13, 2017, p. 1031.)

H. B. No. 261 – Representatives Anielski, Roegner

Cosponsors: Representatives Green, Greenspan, Sheehy, DeVitis, Hughes, Johnson, Lepore-Hagan, West
To amend sections 4501.21 and 4503.772 and to enact section 4503.875 of the Revised Code to create the Walsh Jesuit license plate.

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends passage, see House Journal, September 13, 2017, p. 1031.)

H. B. No. 266 – Representative Roegner

Cosponsors: Representatives Green, Greenspan, Sheehy, DeVitis, Hughes, Johnson, Lepore-Hagan, West
To amend section 4501.21 and to enact section 4503.907 of the Revised Code to create the "Twinsburg City Schools" license plate.

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends passage, see House Journal, September 13, 2017, p. 1031.)

H. B. No. 308 – Representative Cera

Cosponsors: Representatives Green, Sheehy, Householder, Hughes, Johnson, Lepore-Hagan, Manning, West
To enact section 5534.64 of the Revised Code to designate a portion of State Route 7 in Belmont County as the "Ohio Valley Vietnam Veterans Memorial Highway."

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends passage, see House Journal, September 21, 2017, p. 1063.)

H. B. No. 321 – Representatives Koehler, Green

Cosponsors: Representatives Goodman, Riedel, Brenner, Sweeney, Householder, Hughes, Johnson, West
To amend section 4501.21 and to enact section 4503.891 of the Revised Code to create the "Lions Club" license plate.

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends passage, see House Journal, September 21, 2017, p. 1064.)

H. B. No. 324 – Representatives Ashford, Sheehy

Cosponsors: Representatives Cera, Leland, Romanchuk, Rogers, Sweeney, Thompson, Smith, K., Miller, Lepore-Hagan, West, Riedel, Patton, Bocchieri, Strahorn, Clyde, Boggs, Celebrezze, Ingram, Kent, Huffman, Fedor, Patterson, Reece, Faber, Kelly, Craig, Antonio, Sykes, O'Brien, Young, Holmes, Ramos, Green, Greenspan, Householder, Hughes, Keller, Kick, Manning
To enact section 5534.48 of the Revised Code to designate a portion of Interstate Route 75 in Lucas County as the "Toledo Firefighters J. Dickman and S. Machcinski Memorial Highway."

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends passage, see House Journal, September 21, 2017, p. 1064.)

H. B. No. 330 – Representative Rogers

Cosponsors: Representatives Ashford, Boggs, Celebrezze, Craig, Kelly, Kent, Lepore-

Hagan, Miller, Patton, Ramos, Riedel, Romanchuk, Scherer, Smith, K., Sweeney, West, Green, Sheehy, Householder, Hughes, Johnson, Manning
To enact section 5534.494 of the Revised Code to designate a portion of State Route 91 in Willoughby as the "Patrolman Jason Gresko Memorial Highway."

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends passage, see House Journal, September 21, 2017, p. 1065.)

S. B. No. 18 – Senator Thomas

Cosponsors: Senators Eklund, Gardner, Beagle, Yuko, Sykes, Brown, Obhof, Coley, Uecker, Bacon, Balderson, Burke, Dolan, Hackett, Hite, Hoagland, Hottinger, Huffman, Jordan, Kunze, LaRose, Lehner, Manning, Oelslager, Peterson, Schiavoni, Skindell, Tavares, Terhar, Williams, Wilson Representatives Hambley, Boyd, Carfagna
To enact section 5.291 of the Revised Code to designate September 12 as "Jesse Owens Day."

(House committee on State and Local Government recommends passage, see House Journal, April 25, 2017, p. 350.)

(Senate recommends passage, see Senate Journal, March 7, 2017, p. 201.)

(Senate committee on Government Oversight and Reform recommends passage, see Senate Journal, March 2, 2017, p. 181.)

S. B. No. 62 – Senator Yuko

Cosponsors: Senators Thomas, Brown, Williams, Huffman, Hackett, Eklund, Tavares, Schiavoni, Beagle, Sykes, LaRose, Coley, Uecker, Skindell, Bacon, Balderson, Burke, Dolan, Gardner, Hite, Hoagland, Hottinger, Kunze, Lehner, Manning, Obhof, O'Brien, Oelslager, Peterson, Terhar, Wilson Representative Hambley
To enact section 5.236 of the Revised Code to designate July 8 as "Harrison Dillard Day."

(House committee on State and Local Government recommends passage, see House Journal, September 20, 2017, p. 1048.)

(Senate recommends passage, see Senate Journal, May 3, 2017, p. 372.)

(Senate committee on Government Oversight and Reform recommends passage, see Senate Journal, March 29, 2017, p. 300.)

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Am. Sub. H. B. No. 49 – Representative Smith, R. – et al.

To make operating appropriations for the biennium beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2019, and to provide authorization and conditions for the operation of state programs.

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Governor Announces New ODOT Plan To Lure Autonomous Vehicles To Ohio

Ohio is expanding its efforts to prepare for autonomous vehicles, Gov. John Kasich announced Tuesday.

DriveOhio, a center of sorts that will be housed in the Department of Transportation, will focus entirely on paving the way for Ohio to become the leader in autonomous connected vehicle technology, the governor said at the Ohio Transportation Engineering Conference.

"I want these connected autonomous vehicles to come" to Ohio, he said, adding: "We're changing the face of the state and a big part of this of course is the development of technology."

The state has already made some strides toward advanced technology on its roadways by creating smart corridors and installing fiber optic cable on northern and central Ohio roads as well as on the Turnpike, Gov. Kasich said.

Jim Barna, ODOT's chief engineer and assistant director of transportation policy, said the goal of the DriveOhio center, is to "bring the researchers, the developers and manufacturers together as we move into this world of autonomous connected vehicles."

"Similar to what JobsOhio does for economic development is what DriveOhio would do in the autonomous vehicle world," he added.

DriveOhio will operate under the auspices of ODOT, but will also rely on experts from the Departments of Public Safety, Administrative Services and Insurance, as well as the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, Mr. Barna said in an interview.

Although the center won't be fully operational until next year, he said working groups have already been meeting to dig into data technology, regulatory policies and workforce development related to autonomous vehicles.

The latter area will be a primary focus for the center to ensure Ohioans are prepared to fill the jobs that will come along with updated infrastructure and technological advances tied to autonomous vehicles, Mr. Barna said.

The center, he said, will also highlight the state's current fiber roadways and the Transportation Research Center near Marysville, which could be useful to technology researchers or developers from around the world.

"This will give us an opportunity to market these state assets as we look to drawing more investment into the state," Mr. Barna said.

Gov. Kasich said expanding options for autonomous vehicles will not only increase economic interests in the state, but could also lead to safer roadways.

"A heck of a lot of what we're doing in the state with connecting all the autonomous vehicles and the way in which we're working with Marysville with what we're going to do on our highways in rush hour, are all designed to save lives," Gov. Kasich said.

He pointed to ODOT research that shows about 80% of vehicle accidents could have been prevented or less serious because they involved some type of distracted or impaired driving.

Providers, Advocates Encourage Higher Standards For Alzheimer's, Dementia Caregivers

Care for Ohioans with Alzheimer's disease and dementia could be improved by boosting training standards and access to education for caregivers who work with patients in their homes or in facilities, a House task force was told Tuesday.

The Speaker's Alzheimer's and Dementia Task Force heard from advocates and care providers who said caregivers and family members need access to more training, and patients and relatives should look specifically for facilities that provide staff well-versed in caring for dementia.

Cheryl Kanetsky, executive director of the Alzheimer's Association Greater East Ohio Chapter, discussed the association's training and care standards. The association plans to release updated recommendations next year, and she said they will continue to focus on person-centered care and include the role of family caregivers.

The association, she said, is often asked to help people choose the appropriate long-term care facility for dementia care. It's more important, she said, to choose one based on the staff's training and experience with dementia than to decide based on its physical features or amenities.

"Please consider increasing dementia-specific staff training standards and requiring a competency-based model where the professional has to demonstrate mastery of the competency rather than just sitting through a training program," she said.

She also recommended increasing staff ratios based on the care needed by the patient and environmental safety and medical standards.

Task force member Kathryn Brod, executive director of LeadingAge Ohio, asked if she was aware of ways technology has been used to supplement staff.

Ms. Kanetsky said she has not seen it in residential facilities as much, but her father-in-law, who had Lewy Body dementia, had a chair alarm in a nursing facility but not in assisted living. She said devices such as alarms can cause concerns with residents who are worried about additional restraints.

Heidi Reed, director of assisted living at Willow Brook at Delaware Run, said a successful memory care center should create a belief system that sets high standards for staff and residents. She said the people who work in memory care units should be fulfilled with completing tasks at the pace the resident is comfortable, not at their own pace.

Staff members should also be trained at all levels, she said, and it should include learning the stages of the disease and what to expect at each stage.

Memory care units should provide safe, homelike environments, she said. They should also provide opportunities for residents and staff to have success.

Chair Rep. Dorothy Pelanda (R-Marysville) asked how important assessment of the patient was.

"Assessment is key," Ms. Reed said. "Not that we can see the future necessarily but we can have an anticipated pathway for that individual."

Susan Gregg, regional director for Caregiver Homes, recommended the state create a shared living benefit for individuals with Alzheimer's, dementia or cognitive impairment. She praised efforts to create such a benefit, but said those stalled during the budget process.

"Doing so will not only provide family caregivers with tangible coaching and financial support, but will also yield demonstrate savings for our state and its managed care partners from reduced long term facility care and more appropriate utilization of health care costs," she said.

She also suggested the state create dementia training for caregivers. The state can also provide coaching, including some supported by technology, to support caregivers and help them communicate easily with coaches.

Rep. Pelanda asked if caregivers should be trained and coached on assessing the person.

"I would question whether or not there's a missing piece to the puzzle and that the training really needs to occur in assessing an individual's level of dementia," she said.

Ms. Gregg said they are, and the team starts by assessing the needs of the person, the caregiver and the home.

Sylvia Pla-Raith, director of the attorney general's elder justice initiative, said seniors who suffer from dementia are at greater risk of being exploited.

"Caregiver education and attention to caregiver stress, including depression, may prevent onset and perpetuation of abuse, neglect and exploitation," she said. "This becomes especially important when caring for those diagnosed with Alzheimer's and dementia."

She said the most commonly reported types of abuse of people with dementia were verbal abuse, physical abuse or neglect and financial exploitation.

Adult protective services do a good job, she said, but they currently have limited jurisdiction. They don't have the authority to deal with cases involving dependent adults ages 18-59 and adults in licensed care facilities.

"It's particularly challenging if the victim is in a facility that's private pay," she said. "If you're living in a facility that's private, the health care fraud unit can't go in there to investigate it."

Those cases are only handled by the Department of Health, the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman and law enforcement, which have limited scopes.

Ms. Pla-Raith said education was important for professionals, family members and victims, so victims come forward sooner.

"We're usually hearing about it only after all the money's gone and it's been devastating," she said.

Mary Vail, chief mission officer at Goodwill Columbus, discussed the needs of seniors with intellectual and developmental disabilities who suffer from Alzheimer's and dementia.

She said nearly all people with Down syndrome will develop Alzheimer's disease, and the combination of dementia and developmental disabilities can provide challenges for providers.

"Life expectancy gains indicate there will be growing numbers of two-generation elderly households of people with disabilities living with their parents," she said. "These families remain intact out of choice or due to the shortage of alternative residential options. Both generations will require supports to age in place. Often, when parents can no longer provide care, siblings may be called upon to take over that role with little formal support provided to them."

House Panel Debates School Voucher Program Changes

School management groups said they don't support the existing voucher program, much less one bill's efforts to expand it.

They spoke out Tuesday against the measure (HB 200), which would make school choice vouchers available to all students with family incomes at or below 400% of the federal poverty level. The current voucher programs are based on school performance and location.

"Voucher programs lack the academic accountability of public schools," Jennifer Hogue, director of legislative services for the Ohio School Boards Association, told the House Education and Career Readiness Committee. "Further, voucher programs drain scarce resources that could be best utilized by Ohio's public schools where the vast majority of Ohio's students are educated."

She testified in opposition to the voucher expansion bill alongside representatives from the Buckeye Association of School Administrators and Ohio Association of School Business Officials.

"At a time when Ohio is experiencing scarce resources, further diversion of public funds to private education institutions is highly objectionable," Ms. Hogue said, pointing to the fiscal analysis that shows the expansion could cost the state \$48 million annually if all 60,000 available vouchers are used.

Basing the program on income instead of school performance is troubling, she said, because that could lead to some students using vouchers despite their schools being high performers.

"Not only do we believe Ohio should spend its scarce resources on improving the public school choices for all students, we adamantly oppose public support for private schools that may not do as well as the districts where they're located," Ms. Hogue said.

OASBO Legislative Advocacy Specialist Barbara Shaner also took issue with the savings accounts voucher students would have access to as well as how school transportation could be impacted.

"School districts are required to provide transportation to nonpublic schools located within thirty minutes of what would otherwise be the nonpublic student's assigned public school," she said. "While some state money would offset these costs through the transportation funding formula, we point out that state support of school bus transportation was dramatically reduced in this biennium through HB 49."

The League of Women Voters of Ohio offered similar arguments in written opponent testimony.

"Public funds should only be spent on public schools, which are accountable and responsive to the public through elected boards of education and comply with standards that ensure a high-quality education," wrote LWVO Education Specialist Joan Platz.

Parents and students have testified on how elated they were for various reasons to be able to use the voucher program, the bill's sponsor, Rep. Kyle Koehler (R-Springfield) said. He asked opponents why they would "want to deny them that choice."

Ms. Hogue said the associations aren't opposed to school choice, but rather sending state dollars to private schools. She opined the state should use education dollars to better support the public system, which also provides parents with choices, such as career tech, open enrollment and charter schools.

Meanwhile, Josh Brown, legal counsel and policy director at Citizens for Community Values, defended the bill, saying it's important to let parents have a full slate of options when deciding which schools are best for their children.

"CCV is well aware of the implications in Ohio for the state/local school funding scheme and the objections of many supporters of the current school district model. However, it is clear that educational decisions are best left to parents, not government boards and commissions, the professional education class, or government bureaucrats," he said. "Ohio's educational system should empower parents by providing all the means necessary for them to send their children to the school of their choice."

Responding to questions from Rep. Teresa Fedor (D-Toledo) and Rep. Catherine Ingram (D-Cincinnati), he said academics aren't the only reason parents choose their children's schools.

High-performing districts often have the highest taxes, Mr. Brown added, so parents can't always afford to move to another district where schools might be a better fit for whatever reason.

Rep. John Patterson (D-Jefferson) said the constitution requires the state to create a system of common schools, many of which have made various cuts because of tight budgets. He asked if the witness if the state should be required to fund additional education options.

Mr. Brown acknowledged that districts feel the funding loss when a large number of students take advantage of the voucher program because the districts no longer receive per-pupil funding for those students.

But, those students chose to leave for a reason and the district continues to receive local taxes, he said.

"I'm not too sympathetic to them," Mr. Brown said, adding: "We do think the money should go where the child goes."

Suzanne Lester, principal of Elyria Catholic High School, also challenged views that students aren't performing better in voucher schools.

Students consistently score 1.7 points higher than the Ohio average scores on the ACT and more than 99% have graduated and have entered the armed forces or pursued higher education.

Many families who already enroll in the school because of its excellence are middle class and struggling to pay the \$8,200 tuition, but only 16% of current students are eligible for EdChoice, she said. Other families in the community are completely shut out by the cost despite desiring to enroll in the school.

"These families deserve to have the opportunity to make the educational choice for their children they feel is best," Ms. Lester said.

Rep. Dan Ramos (D-Lorain) questioned if Catholic voucher schools are concerned about lowering the percentage of students who follow the faith and whether students who recognize a different religion feel left out.

More than 87% of the current student body identifies as Catholic, Ms. Lester said. Students who aren't Catholic are welcome to participate in all religious offerings and many do.

Answering additional questions from the panel, she said her school shares testing results with parents and those interested in enrolling and it very rarely turns away applicants.

The committee also received testimony from more than a dozen other proponents of the bill, most of who are parents of children using vouchers.

Subscribers Note: Complete Testimony is available on the committee's website under Oct. 10.

New Bill Seeks To Reduce Numerous School District Regulations

Nearly 100 laws, policies and rules that school districts must follow would be eliminated or revised under a new legislation introduced in the Ohio Senate.

Sen. Matt Huffman (R-Lima) on Tuesday introduced the Public School Deregulation Act (SB 216), which would make changes to testing, teacher evaluations, staffing policies, reporting requirements and more.

"What we're trying to do with this bill is to return the management, the running of the schools to the local level," he said in a Statehouse news conference.

Among the bill's wide-ranging provisions are those to: eliminate the Kindergarten Readiness Assessment; allow students to take paper or computer third-grade reading tests; modify reporting requirements on absenteeism, widen grade band certifications for teachers, and eliminate the K-3 literacy component on state report cards. (Bill Summary)